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COMMENT OF THE DAY

## Control Of Rents

UNLIKE the effect of Mr Butler's Budget on the people of Britain, the main recommendations of the committee appointed to consider rent control will not be happily received by the populace of Hongkong. An immediate standard rent increase of 50 per cent on domestic premises, with another 50 per cent in two years' time suggests that the committee had devoted its attention exclusively to the interests of landlords and that the welfare of tenants has been completely ignored. But to consider the recommendations without a study of the full report invites a somewhat false perspective of the committee's deliberations and conclusions. The report makes its manifestly clear that the committee reached no snap judgments. On the contrary considerable time and effort was put into studying the whole problem of rent control. If, to many, the recommendations of the committee are dismaying, they cannot, in all fairness, be condemned as the product of ill-informed data. An impressive feature of the report is the care taken to obtain all possible information, as well as views and arguments from many sections of the community on this thorny subject of rent controls. In the final analysis the impression left is that the landlords succeeded in proving a case, and of satisfying the committee that they were entitled to some consideration. Tenants who can expect to suffer as a consequence will find it anything but easy to feel sympathetic with the conclusions reached by the committee. To them, a 50 per cent increase in standard rent has only one meaning—a further strain on their limited financial resources, demanding a new adjustment of living standards.

BUT while landlords are to receive benefits from the committee's proposals, the interests of tenants have received some attention. The committee expresses its firm conviction that this is not the time to decontrol domestic premises, and it has also sought to cushion the effects of its recommendations for rent increases by providing for a two-year elapse between the first and second increases. Rent control is guaranteed for at least another three years, after which time, it is suggested, it should continue unless a review of conditions permits decontrol. This may be of small comfort to tenants, yet it can be argued that if there is justification for higher rents, it is much better they remain controlled than to allow landlords carte blanche to impose what they consider proper standard rents. In dealing with business premises the committee has been completely realistic according to the evidence with which it was presented. Their investigations revealed that "quite a large number (of tenants) were little concerned either about the amount of the rent or the category to which their premises belonged." Few tenants of business premises are in a position to complain about the committee's recommendations for rent increases and eventual decontrol after three years, and it is hardly likely they will cause any grievous embarrassment. And in many other directions the committee has advanced sensible proposals which, if adopted, should help to put a brake on abuses, particularly those practised by principal tenants of domestic premises. The committee can be given credit for sticking to sound principles in dealing with a difficult and rather distasteful task.

# VYSHINSKY SLAMS DOOR ON DISARMAMENT

## Will Never Agree To West's Proposals

## DEMANDS PROHIBITION OF THE ATOMIC BOMB

**New York, Apr. 15.**

**The Russians slammed the door on disarmament on Wednesday in a long speech by Vyshinsky. He declared Russia would never agree to the West's disarmament proposals.**

"We have not been able to agree, we do not agree and we will never be able to agree," the Soviet chief delegate said on one of his old-time fiery speeches to the 60-nation Political Committee.

The Western plan calls for gradual disclosure and verification of all countries' armaments beginning with relatively simple arms and ending with atomic bomb which would be under international control.

**Vyshinsky, demanding that the UN accept the Soviet plan for immediate prohibition of the atomic bomb instead, said: "The world is not interested in a pocket pistol. What the world is interested in is the atomic bomb."**

The Kremlin diplomat, by his speech, squelched reports that Russia might modify her position in such a way as to make agreement with the West on arms possible. These had persisted despite a tough speech Vyshinsky made last week plugging for the Russian proposal which has already been rejected by the Assembly.

Vyshinsky spoke in a generalised debate on world peace during which France and Indonesia urged the Unified Command under Gen. Mark Clark to accept a Communist bid for renewed full scale truce talks in Korea.

The Russian's speech ranged through philosophy and denials of racial persecution in the Soviet Union.

**KOREA TALKS**

France's Henri Hoppenot told the United Nations Political Committee he did not blame the Unified Command, headed by General Mark Clark, for not wishing to "engage blindfolded" in a negotiation which might be as frustrating as those held previously.

But he warned the talks presented a political and diplomatic problem as well as a military one.

He said France felt United Nations must accept the Communist offer in order to avoid a propaganda defeat.

Indonesia's L. N. Palar urged a "favourable response" to the Communist truce talk offer, saying his country welcomed Communist China's initiative.

He warned, however, that the Communists are apparently sticking to their contention all prisoners must be returned even if force should be necessary. He said United Nations must not give up the principle of non-forcible repatriation.

Palar was speaking in a debate on the Polish "peace package" whose terms are so broad that delegates talked on almost any subject.

**ATTACKS ZIONISM**

Lebanon, for instance, made a long and bitter attack on Zionism as a threat to world peace.

Hoppenot also defended NATO and the Schuman plan, which have been denounced by the Reds as peace threats.

As Palar spoke, reports from Washington said instructions had been sent to General Clark to accept Communist offers to renew the truce talks.

The United States has responsibility for Unified Commander under a United Nations directive.

Farid Zeineddine of Syria made a long attack on Zionism and praised Russia for breaking diplomatic relations with Israel.

He said Syria hoped other countries would follow Russia's example.

Zeineddine said he was not anti-Jewish but considered Zionism one of the greatest menaces to world peace.

He said it aimed at getting its way by one of two methods — either winning Russia over to its support or, failing that, inciting the non-Communist world to attack Russia.

He claimed that Jews who were also Zionists had no loyalty to the country where they lived but were agents of the International Zionists.—Associated Press.

## "Convince The World" Challenge To Russia

United Nations, Apr. 15.

The United States challenged the Communists tonight to "convince the world" that the Korean prisoner proposals of the Chinese Communist premier, Mr Chou En-lai, "are a sound basis" for solving the Korean problem.

The challenge was issued by the American delegate, Mr Ernest Gross, after Russia in a long, ambiguous statement called for a detailed discussion of the Korean war to help the negotiators at Panmunjom reach agreement on a truce.

The Soviet delegate, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, has opposed the Western power demand to confine discussion of Mr Chou's offer to Panmunjom. But at the same time he backed the general lines of a Western-supported Brazilian resolution that would do just that.

Mr Gross said he welcomed Mr Vyshinsky's "apparent intention to support the resolution proposed by Brazil". He pointed out to Mr Vyshinsky that the United States and its allies also supported it.

**"HOPEFUL SIGN"**

The American diplomat insisted that the General Assembly should "study any step here that might help negotiations at Panmunjom".

Then, he continued, the willingness of the Communists in Korea to accept General Mark Clark's proposal for an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners "is a hopeful sign of co-operation".

"It now remains for this agreement to be implemented fully and for the Communists to convince the world that Chou En-lai's proposals are a sound basis for solving the Korean problem," he added.

Mr Gross described Mr Vyshinsky's attempts to give the Communists credit for Korean peace moves as a fraud.

"For a government such as the Soviet Union, which supported and condoned the aggression, to talk about the initiative in peace is more than a play on words, it is fraud," concluded Mr Gross.

**POSSIBLE MOVE**

Mr Vyshinsky tried to resolve the contradiction by saying, "There can be no question of intervening in negotiations but merely recommending a path conducive to the success of negotiations."

The upshot appears to be that Mr Vyshinsky will seek to delay the calling of a "recess" by engaging in some more detailed discussion of Mr Chou's proposal on the prisoner question. The West will try to shorten the debate and in the end, with or without Soviet support, the Brazilian resolution is certain to be approved.

Mr Vyshinsky again expressed support of Mr Chou's offer, but he demanded over and over again an immediate cease-fire without a detailed prior agreement on a prisoner exchange.

This apparent contradiction he also may have been trying to reconcile when he said that in the event of an immediate cease-fire there would be an immediate exchange of all prisoners wishing to go home.

An agreement on the disposition of those refusing to go home presumably could then be hammered out without a continuation of bloodshed.—United Press.

## TALKS ON SUEZ CANAL TO BEGIN

### Gen. Robertson To Represent Britain

London, Apr. 15.

Britain today nominated one of her top soldier-diplomats, General Sir Brian Robertson, for talks with Egypt's soldier Prime Minister General Mohammed Naguib.

The talks are expected to tackle the key question of Middle East Defence and the future of the British Suez Canal Zone base.

They are likely to start in Cairo next week, possibly on Monday, after an official announcement here today that discussions are imminent.

The announcement came from No. 10 Downing Street, official residence of Mr Churchill, the Prime Minister.

It said:

"It is expected that discussions between Her Majesty's Government and the Egyptian Government on outstanding questions between the two countries will open shortly in Cairo.

"For these discussions Her Majesty's Government have appointed as representatives Her Majesty's Ambassador in Cairo and General Sir Brian Robertson.

"General Robertson will be relieved of his appointment as Commander-in-Chief Middle East Land Forces with effect from April 16 by General Sir Cameron Nicholson.

"Until General Nicholson's arrival in the theatre Lieutenant-General Sir Francis Festing will act for him".

General Robertson flew to Fayid, his headquarters in the Canal Zone from London on Wednesday morning after Middle East Defence talks here with Field Marshal Earl Alexander, Defence Minister.—Reuter.

## He Fights Mau Mau

The 52-year-old Chief Makimei Kuria, left, needs his bodyguard for he was a witness to the recent brutal Mau Mau massacre when practically an entire Kikuyu village was wiped out. The Chief himself narrowly escaped death. He is the mainstay of the Kikuyu opposition against the Mau Mau.—London Express.

## Red China Accused Of Exporting Drugs To Earn Dollars

**United Nations, Apr. 15.**

**The United States today accused Communist China of officially exporting narcotics to get American dollars and strategic materials and said the British authorities were making diligent efforts to suppress the drug traffic through Hongkong.**

Mr Harry Anslinger, the American delegate, told the United Nations Commission on narcotic that smuggled gold was being exchanged for narcotics with representatives of the Peking Government in Southeast Asia.

Mr Anslinger was replying to Soviet assertions last year that a previous American report to the Commission contained false and slanderous statements.

He gave what he declared were brand names of opium offered for sale in world markets. He named Chinese individuals, firms and government agencies which he said were now operating with Chinese, Korean and Japanese Communists to smuggle heroin into Japan.

Mr Anslinger said that from there a portion was sent to the United States not only to obtain dollars and strategic materials but also to cause sabotage by creating drug addiction.

**OPIUM AND HEROIN**

Opium and heroin, he said, reached all parts of South Korea from North Korea last year.

Mr Anslinger said the British authorities were making diligent efforts to suppress the drug traffic through Hongkong.

He alleged that drugs were carried in vessels ranging from the smallest junk to the biggest liners, and in airlines and charter planes.

Later in 1952 he said it became firmly established that the movements of gold and narcotic smuggling were closely connected and Communist inspired.

He said large quantities of heroin reached the United States from Communist China and illicit opium and heroin were also smuggled into the Philippines and Malaya by Communist agents.

Mr Anslinger quoted a Hongkong press report that senior Peking officials had met early last December and decided to expand sales activities.

He said that "information which leaked out of the conference" indicated that the Peking Government's drug revenue from abroad in 1952 reached about /US$70,000,000 (about £25,000,000).—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

## Bomb Outrage Latest

Buenos Aires, Apr. 16.

An unofficial report states that the bombs which exploded while President Juan Peron was speaking last night killed three and injured 150.—Reuter.

## Warship Carries Out Rescue

Taipoh, Apr. 16.

The official Central News Agency said today an American warship patrolling Formosa Strait rescued 20 Chinese passengers out of 50 from an unnamed sinking vessel outside the southern Formosan port of Kaohsiung on April 13.

The fate of the other 30 passengers is unknown, but they are feared lost.

The passenger ship caught fire at sea from an unknown cause. Reuter.

# 2 Bombs Explode As Peron Addresses Crowd

## PANIC FOLLOWS: SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED

Buenos Aires, Apr. 15.

Two bombs exploded today about 400 feet from President Peron while he was addressing a gathering from a balcony of Government House.

Several persons were trampled and injured in the ensuing panic.

President Peron, who was unhurt, tried to calm the uproar after several minutes of confusion.

The bombs exploded within three minutes of each other. One blast occurred at the Conte Restaurant across the Plaza de Mayo from Government House where President Peron was speaking.

The giant rally had been called by the Peronista Party, the government-sponsored Labour Confederation (CGT) and the armed forces to show support for the President in the mounting government crisis.

The injured were taken from the scene in ambulances, jeeps and commandeered passenger cars. The nearby crowd was panicky and angry. Some people broke into tears.

Several minutes after the explosion, the President resumed his speech and said: "When I announced that it (the explosion) is a premeditated plan, I have my reasons for saying so. There will be many more bombs and many more rumours. But what interests us is that they shall not succeed.

**"NONE WILL ESCAPE"**

"I assure you they won't. Not one of those who are to blame shall escape and we will apply the punishment."

He blamed the bombs on "foreign agents" and said they should "all be hanged from trees".

The Conte Restaurant building was being remodelled. The explosion showered masonry from the structure.

Most normal activities in the city had come to a standstill at 2 p.m. when tens of thousands of CGT workers left their jobs to attend the rally. They had been spurred by Carlos Aloe, Governor of the key Buenos Aires Province, who said today should be "another October 17 (1945) revolution," when workers marched on Buenos Aires to save Peron from the Martin Garcia Island prison.

Hours before Peron spoke, early arrivals climbed trees and monuments before the Government House. The balcony where the President appeared was draped in a red cloth bearing the emblems of the Peronist Party and the CGT.

Sound trucks crawled through the throngs, bawling such slogans as "Peron will never be alone", "Peron will be vindicated", and Party songs such as "Muchachos Peronistas" (Peronist Boys).

Posters and placards proclaimed "we are with Peron", "alliance with Peron until death", "yes, we swear loyalty and support".

The furore over the high cost of living was almost forgotten in the barrage of propaganda for the meeting. This was the first traditional Peronist rally in the Plaza de Mayo, with all the colourful Party trappings, flags, banners and giant portraits of Peron, since October 17 last year, when the late Eva Peron was absent for the first time and the crowd stood in reverent silence to hear her recorded voice.

Today's rally was obviously designed to show doubters that, despite hard times, the masses still stood behind Peron.

Keeping up the tradition of sunny weather for Peronist meetings, the sky was cloudless and the early summer air was balmy.—United Press.

## Search For Forgers

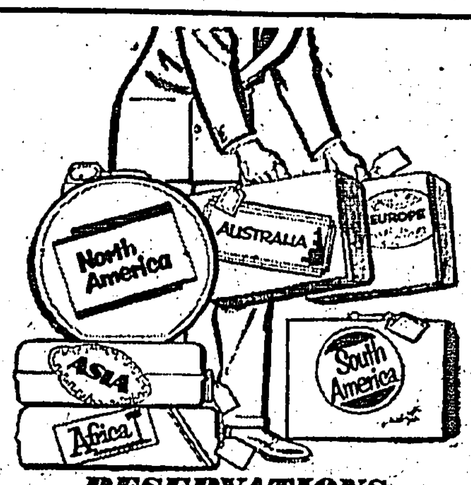
Singapore, Apr. 16.

Police are combing the underworlds of five British territories in Southeast Asia to find the group responsible for forged Straits ten-dollar notes circulating in some of these areas.

The Secretary of the Board of Currency — Commissioners, — Mr C. H. F. Blake, said the forged notes were believed to have come from outside Singapore. He said 34 forged notes had made their appearance since the beginning of this year.

Of these, 20 found their way to the Singapore Currency Office, 13 were discovered by the police and one was found in Jesselton, Borneo.

He said the paper was of poor quality, there was no embossing and the late King's picture was a very poor reproduction.—United Press.

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# ABBEY'S TRANSFORMATION

## Empire Units To Mount Guard At The Palace

London, Apr. 16.

Queen Elizabeth has approved a proposal that Commonwealth contingents should mount guard at Buckingham Palace and St James's Palace during the Coronation period.

The Commonwealth Relations Office said today that complete guards would be found by Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Canada.

Ceylon will provide reliefs for the guard.

The official announcement said: "The limits of the numbers available in each contingent mean that some Commonwealth countries will be unable to provide a complete guard. In such cases, reliefs for sentries only will be found."

Pakistan will provide the guard on May 29 and Ceylon the reliefs on May 28.—Reuter.

## "United Europe" Ideal May Not Be Realised

London, Apr. 15.

Most Western diplomats today believe that the United Europe, which six divided continental States set out to build three years ago, will fall short of the aims of its federalist-minded sponsors.

Ironically, most opposition to a closely-knit European "super State" now comes from France, which conceived the merger of the coal and steel resources of the six nations and followed up that proposal by launching the plan for the European Defence Community.

The German Federal Republic and Italy are still firmly wedded to the cause of full union. Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg are prepared to go the whole way on certain conditions.

France's new-found reluctance to sink her sovereignty in a "United States of Europe" appears to be analogous to Britain's refusal to commit herself to a continental partnership.

The removal of M. Robert Schuman from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs when M. Rene Mayer's Government took office last January pointed the way to a shift of emphasis in French policy.

M. Schuman, whose name the Coal-Steel Pool bears, is one of Europe's most fervent advocates of a federated continent. In his four and a half years as Foreign Minister, M. Schuman clearly ran ahead of French political thought in his close association with Dr Konrad Adenauer, the German Chancellor, and Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italy's Prime Minister. Both Dr Adenauer and Signor de Gasperi pin their hopes for the peace and prosperity on political integration.

### DE GAULLE THESIS

The cracks which appeared in French policy in January revealed themselves even more clearly in Strasbourg in March when the Special Assembly charged with drafting a six-nation Political Statute met to give their proposed supra-national Constitution its final reading. The party groups were divided even among themselves but the thread which linked most French delegates was that first spun by General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the French Rally Party and bitter opponent of a Federated Europe.

This maintains that the French Union cannot survive as a first class power if much of it, including the mother country, submerges its identity in a European State.

Many of the delegates appeared to realise for the first time that the inclusion in the project of France's African territories, in whose name Paris had fought to obtain seven extra seats in the proposed Common Parliament, might lead to serious complications.

France's acceptance of the Dutch demand for eventual complete economic integration of the six partners would mean the pooling of the resources of French Africa. The Common Parliament might also be used as a forum for anti-French nationalist speeches by the African leaders.

Their fears were increased by a fighting speech by M. Silvandre, a delegate from French Equatorial Africa, who, while pledging himself to the cause of European Unity demanded much larger representation in the Parliament on the grounds of proportional representation of the peoples involved in the merger.

The Assembly had drafted what its chairman, M. Paul Henry Spaak of Belgium, called a "middle of the road" statute, but M. Bidault said some of the Governments would be disturbed by some of its provisions.

The Gaullists apart, the French delegates' objections to closer unity appear still to centre on suspicions about where the rearmament of Germany may lead.

The future of the European Defence Community, through which Germany is to contribute to Western defence, may well depend on what happens to the draft constitution for the authority which is supposed to control it.

The constitution provides for a two-chamber Parliament—the Lower Chamber elected by direct suffrage in all six countries—an Executive Council, or Cabinet, and a Supreme Court.

The six Ministers meet in May for the first of the diplomatic conferences which are to negotiate a final text before it goes to national Parliaments for approval.

The presence of M. Rene Pleven as Defence Minister in the new French Cabinet affords the greatest comfort to those who fear that France may abandon the European Army Treaty. It was M. Pleven who, while France's Prime Minister in 1950, launched the scheme. —Reuter.

## Legal Aspects Being Studied

London, Apr. 15.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company is examining the legal implications of the recent purchase by a Japanese firm of Persian Oil, which the company regards as its property, an authoritative source said today.

The legal adviser to the British Embassy in Tokyo will leave soon for London for discussions on the subject with the company and with the Foreign Office, these sources said.

The British Government has consistently backed the Company's claim to own the oil which Dr Mohammed Mossadegh's Government nationalised two years ago and the company has announced it would sue any buyers of Persian oil. It has already begun proceedings against Italian purchasers.—Reuter.

## Envoy Flying Home

Rome, Apr. 15.

Alexander J. Argyropoulos, Greek Ambassador to Rome, will fly to Athens tomorrow for consultations with his government.—Associated Press.

## Gorgeous Setting For Coronation Ceremonies

London, Apr. 15.

**Westminster Abbey, ancient shrine of English monarchs, statesmen and poets, is being transformed into a magnificent setting of blue and gold for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.**

The cost of the work now being done to build stands and install seating for 7,600 peers, peeresses and diplomats in the Abbey may be as high as £150,000 sterling.

The Abbey today is closed to the public. In place of the usual trickle of worshippers and stream of sightseers are found today workmen clad in dungarees. The cling and clatter of their hammers re-echoes through the building, breaking the usual silence with a noisy and irreverent overture for the solemn ceremony of the Coronation.

Tiers of stands are rising on either side of the nave and in the transepts to accommodate the peers and peeresses, members of the Cabinet, distinguished foreign visitors and other specially invited guests.

Near the High Altar, a special gallery is being built from which members of the Royal Family will watch the Coronation.

A specially made blue and gold fabric will be used to drape the frontals to the balconies and stands, and for various curtains needed for the Abbey ceremony. Woven into a rich, vivid blue silk ground with a metal thread in a golden design embodying the national emblems of the United Kingdom—the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, the leek of Wales and the Irish shamrock—framed in a chaplet of English oak leaves and acorns. Over each design is a Royal Crown composed of fleur de lys and ivy leaves with Tudor roses, and between each group an ornate motif composed on the theme of two E's face to face.

### HOMAGE STOOL

Some 2,250 square yards of blue and gold carpets will stretch from the High Altar down through the Choir and the nave to the great West doors. Before the High Altar, a gold-carpeted dais is being erected for the Throne Chair, which will be upholstered in rich crimson damask.

Between the Throne Chair and the High Altar itself will be a homage stool where the sovereign receives a kiss of homage from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, and a crimson-covered faldstool (pric-dieu).

The Queen will be crowned sitting on the Coronation Chair of King Edward the Confessor, which will be placed between the High Altar and the Throne Chair where afterwards she will hear her peers and peeresses shout their allegiance.

Enclosed within the Coronation Chair will be the famous Stone of Scone, brought into England from Scotland by Edward I in 1297. It has been used for the crowning of every English monarch since with two exceptions—Edward V who was murdered before the ceremony could be performed and Edward VIII, now Duke of Windsor, who abdicated before his Coronation.

Outside the West doors, dominated by two magnificent towers, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, famous English architect, will be a £50,000 sterling annexe of white timber and pillars of tubular steel.

### ABLAZE WITH COLOUR

Here, the Queen and 250 attendants will assemble before walking in solemn procession to the Coronation Theatre before the High Altar.

Above the annexe, a massive porch with gold carpets, will be a turret flying the Royal Standard.

Coronation emblems will be engraved on the tall windows. From the walls will hang the arms and badges of Commonwealth countries. Flowers flown in from all parts of the Empire will be banked in the annexe where a line of sculptured animals will look down upon the scene of pageantry.

As the Queen walks slowly to the High Altar, she will see the grey walls ablaze with colour from the scarlet uniforms of diplomats, the crimson and ermine robes of peers and of peeresses, who will be among the privileged guests from all over the world.

Above them, television cameras in specially-built galleries will record the pageant and most of the ceremony for viewers not only in Britain but also, probably, in Europe and the United States.

Outside, the Abbey's ancient walls will be almost hidden by the enormous stands which cheering thousands will watch the Coronation procession arrive at the annexe.—Reuter.

## Special Guard For Akihito

London, Apr. 15.

Scotland Yard will assign special detectives to protect Crown Prince Akihito of Japan during his forthcoming tour of Britain, authoritative sources said today.

A Police guard is often provided for visiting Royalty and important State guests.

The 19-year-old Crown Prince will arrive at Southampton from New York by the liner, Queen Elizabeth, on April 27 and will represent his country at the Coronation on June 2.

The Japanese Embassy in London will announce on Friday the details of Prince Akihito's tour.

The tour will enable him to see various aspects of life in England, Wales and Scotland.

He will spend a week at Cragside, the Northumberland home of Lord and Lady Armstrong, and will be given a civic reception at Newcastle-on-Tyne on May 12. The tour will end shortly before Coronation day, June 2.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office said today that no protest had been received against the Crown Prince's projected visit by the Far East Prisoners of War Association.

He was commenting on a London press report that an official spokesman of the Association was opposed to the visit.

Some branches of the Association have passed resolutions condemning the British Government for inviting the Crown Prince to Britain. But protest demonstrations are not expected, according to the Association's spokesman.—Reuter.

### TORONTO'S GIFT

Toronto, Apr. 15.

Crown Prince Akihito of Japan will be presented with a special Canadian skating outfit by the Japanese-Canadian citizens of Toronto during his visit here on Friday.

Four representatives of the Japanese-Canadian citizens of Toronto will greet the Prince at the railway station, and, after having breakfast with him in his railway car, they will present the skating outfit to him at a Toronto hotel.

The Prince is a skating enthusiast. The outfit, decorated with maple leaves, will include a jacket and sweater as well as skates.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Mr Louis Breithaupt, will receive the Prince at a Queen's Park reception and the Prince will visit nearby Hamilton.—Reuter.

## Farouk Agrees To Pay

Rome, Apr. 15.

Former King Farouk of Egypt, currently touring the Riviera gambling casinos, lost $75 here today.

His lawyers agreed to pay 45,000 Lire (equal to $75) in damages to Dr Raffaele Bolognesi, a Rome driver whose car collided with Farouk's big red Mercedes-Benz.

Dr Bolognesi had sued for 70,000 Lire. Lawyers for Farouk and the doctor settled in civil court for the lesser sum.—Associated Press.

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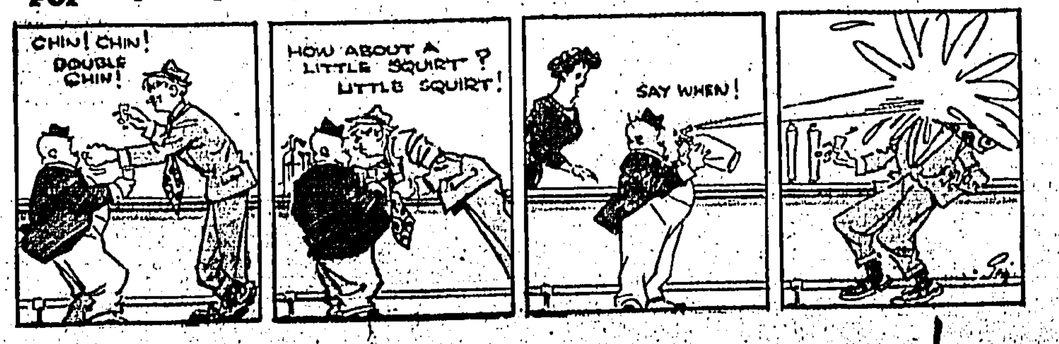


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1 Culminating point (6).
4 Slim (5).
7 Laying bare (8).
8 Scene of action (5).
9 Firearm (6).
11 Precious stone (7).
13 Go before (7).
15 Dormant (6).
16 Measuring device (5).
19 Enlivens (8).
20 Kind of thread (5).
21 Lubricant (6).

DOWN

1 Crawl (5).
2 Obese (5).
3 Quietened (7).
4 Entertain (6).
5 Produce (8).
6 Claim (6).
10 Protects (8).
12 Thawing (7).
13 Front part of saddle (6).
14 Make angry (6).
16 Torment (5).
17 Savour (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Puma, 4 Fissure, 9 Burn, 9 Pier, 10 Eminent, 11 Area, 12 Load, 14 Steeled, 17 Anger, 19 Carve, 22 Degrade, 26 Team, 27 Vast, 28 Ravages, 29 Ebon, 30 Reds, 31 Helmets, 32 Term. Down: 2 Unison, 3 Abrade, 4 Frees, 5 Inmate, 6 Singe, 7 Rinse, 12 Laud, 19 Agog, 15 Lure, 16 Deem, 18 Advert, 20 Attest, 21 Valour, 23 Erase, 24 Realm, 25 Ebbs.

## Another Soviet Gesture

Copenhagen, Apr. 15.

Soviet patrol boats are allowing Danish, Swedish and West German boats to fish without hindrance inside the 12-mile limit imposed in the Baltic by Russia in 1950, according to reports from the Danish island of Bornholm today.

The reports, quoting Danish fishermen, also said vessels of the three nations were being allowed to enter Polish ports without interference.—Reuter.

## Budget Gets Good Reception

London, Apr. 15.

Opinion in the British press today overwhelmingly endorsed the Budget. But Leftwing views reflected by the Daily Herald (Labour) and the Daily Worker (Communist) were that it was more favourable to the rich than to the poor.

The London Times maintained that in all Mr Butler had been able to give a fair range of important and encouraging concessions.

"He has done so without taking undue risks and without making any further major inroads into the food subsidies" the independent paper added.

The Manchester Guardian said that in making concessions Mr Butler had taken the risk of stimulating private consumption and reviving inflation.

"If people do not respond, if business does not choose to be stirred into bold adventures, the gamble will fail" this Liberal paper warned.

POSITIVE STEP

The Daily Express (Independent Right wing) said:

"The Budget means not only a stepping away from something evil—away from a policy of restraint and restriction, austerity and medicinal misery. It also means a positive step towards something good — towards a fuller, happier and freer way to live."

The Daily Herald editorial was headed:

"Bonus for the Rich—Nothing for the Poor."

The paper argued that "the people who come best out of the Budget are the profit makers".

The Financial Times said:

"The theme of Mr Butler's second Budget was that production must be given a boost. There can be no doubt that this was the right theme. The Chancellor's Budget was an incentive budget".—Reuter.

## Three-Power Talks On Air Corridor

Bonn, Apr. 15.

The three Allied High Commissioners will meet tomorrow to discuss their common attitude to the Soviet proposals for a single broad air corridor over East Germany, connecting Berlin with the West, a United States official said.

The meeting will probably take place at Wahnerheide.

The spokesman did not know of any date for the next meeting in Berlin between the Western negotiators and the Russians.

A British official expected this would be announced tomorrow.

British and American officials said they knew nothing whatsoever about West German press reports that the East Germans had agreed to give up their control of West German traffic on the autobahn from Berlin to the West.—Reuter.

## Cannes Film Festival

Cannes, Apr. 15.

Delegates from 28 nations crowded Cannes today for the opening of the sixth international film festival.

Ex-King Farouk and a host of famous film stars and producers attended the opening.

For the next two weeks, three new films will be shown every day—morning, afternoon and evening.

A 13-man jury has already spent ten days seeing private previews of the 30 full-length films and 40 short subjects entered in the competition.

Their decision will be announced at the closing meeting on April 29.—Reuter.

# Washington Plan For Anti-Red Grouping In The Far East

## JAPAN-KOREA TALKS MAY BE BEGINNING

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

**Police riot cars guarded the conference building in readiness for demonstrations today when Japan and her former possession, South Korea, began an attempt to settle all the differences between them.**

But the streets remained quiet, and the delegates of both sides were conciliatory.

**Strained relations between Japan and Korea have been hindering development of America's strategic attempt to take the Asian initiative away from the Communists.**

Issues to be raised during the present exploratory talks are:

1. Fishing rights in the Sea of Japan, upset by the South Korean "Rhee line," which bars Japanese boats within 60 miles of the Korean coastline.

2. Nationality and treatment of 600,000 Koreans in Japan.

3. Japanese claims to pre-war property in Korea.

Fullscale discussions are expected to follow the Japanese general election on April 19.

United Nations planners here hope for a tighter grouping of non-Communist Asian nations, ultimately leading to an "Asian NATO."

A Supreme Command, as in the Atlantic, is out of the picture at this stage, but the plan provides for early development of strong points.

This plan now taking shape derives from President Eisenhower's impact on the Asian policy of the Western powers.

An immediate military objective is to create situations where American forces can fall back into positions of strategic reserve supporting strong points established in Malaya, Indo-China and Korea.

National forces in such strong points are being developed and will be strengthened, while behind them American will hold men and power in such bases as the Philippines, Formosa, Okinawa and Japan.

Elsewhere, it is considered the non-Communist position has greatly improved over the last 12 months, even in Indo-China, where America is now convinced of the need for action and support.—Reuter.

LONDON STATEMENT

London, Apr. 15.

Mr Arthur Henderson, Labour, asked in the House of Commons today what representations Britain had received from the United States about a co-ordinated defence system in the Far East to include Chinese Nationalist forces on Formosa.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State, replied: "No such representations have been received from the United States Government."—Reuter.

## ALEXANDER URGES CAUTION

London, Apr. 15.

Field Marshal Earl Alexander, Minister of Defence, told the House of Lords today that he was justified in taking heart for the future by the developments in the military scene in the past year.

"If it is true that the prospects of a third world war have receded I think we can only ascribe it to the deterrent effect of the Allied military build-up.

"Much has been done but I must warn you that we have a long way to go yet before we can feel satisfied that our defences are adequate," he said.

Earl Alexander, who was initiating a debate on defence, also reviewed the recent conciliatory gesture to the West by Communist leaders.

"It is impossible to know yet what significance to attach to these and although we welcome them we are bound to proceed with caution while we test their sincerity," the Defence Minister said.

"One swallow does not make a summer nor does one dove or even half a dozen automatically bring peace.

"Commonsense and prudence demand that we should not relax our defence preparations.

"The stronger we are the greater chance we have of establishing genuine and lasting peace."—Reuter.

## Approach To UN On Tunisia

United Nations, Apr. 15.

The 14-nation African-Asian group announced after a meeting here today that they all had agreed on the contents of a letter the group would send to the President of the Security Council on the questions of Tunisia and Morocco.

Mr Henry F. Cooper, the Liberian Chairman of the group, said the letter would be signed "within the next few days."

At the meeting last Thursday, the group decided to bring the issues of Tunisia and Morocco to the Security Council "as soon as possible". At the time it referred to a four-man subcommittee the question of drafting the letter to the Security Council's President.

Mr Cooper also announced that the consensus among the group at today's meeting was that they would support the Brazilian resolution in the Assembly's Political Committee, expressing the hope that the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war would be promptly effected.

The resolution, offered as a counter proposal to the Korean section of the Polish "peace package" proposal, also expressed the hope that "further negotiations at Panmunjom will result in achieving an early armistice in Korea."—Reuter.

## America Reassures Japan

### Spending To Be Continued

Washington, Apr. 15.

The State Department said today it believed American spending in Japan would remain "at a relatively high level" for at least the next two years.

The Department issued a formal statement discussing United States expenditure in Japan and possible economic trends in the immediate future.

Mr Michael McDermott, the spokesman, said the formal statement was being made because he had been asked to comment on the reaction to speculation in Japan about possible effects of future U.S. spending policies on the Japanese economy.

The statement said that though spending was not expected to be reduced sharply, the Department was confident the United States Government would consider ways of helping if a serious situation were ever to develop in the Japanese economy.

The United States is now spending between US$750,000,000 (£268,000,000) and US$800,000,000 (£285,000,000) a year in Japan.

Most of the contracts placed in Japan cover materials and services for the Korean war, maintenance of United States troops in Japan and goods bought for the Mutual Security and Point Four programmes in the Far East.

GREAT CONCERN

The text of the State Department statement follows:

"The future stability of Japanese economy is, of course, of great concern to the United States, which is giving a great deal of thought to this question.

"In recent years, Japan's balance of payments position has been largely supported by U.S. expenditures arising from hostilities in Korea, the maintenance of U.S. forces in Japan, and various U.S. Mutual Security programmes in the Far East.

"The Department believes that total U.S. expenditures in Japan will not be sharply reduced but will remain at a relatively high level for at least the next two years.

"However, if a serious situation were ever to develop in the Japanese economy, the Department is sure that the United States officials would want to sit down together with Japanese representatives to consider ways in which this Government could help."—Reuter.

## Captain Sent To Hospital

Istanbul, Apr. 15.

Captain Loretson, master of the Swedish steamer Naboland, which was in collision with the Turkish submarine Dumlupinar in the Dardanelles on April 3, has been sent to hospital by the Turkish authorities, suffering from nervous disorder.

The Public Prosecutor has asked that he be sent before a Court of Inquiry into the collision which resulted in the sinking of the submarine.

Captain Loretson protested vigorously when he was told of this.—Reuter.

## WANT TO GO TO RUSSIA

Bonn, Apr. 15.

Two Republican members of the United States House of Representatives have applied for visas for Moscow.

They are James Fulton, Chairman of the Committee for European Questions, and Robert Corbett, member for the Commission for Civil Servants.

The two Representatives have been in Europe since March 22.—France-Presse.

## Big Defence Order

Istanbul, Apr. 15.

The government-owned Machines and Chemical Industries are expected to start work soon on an $80,000,000 order for defence material, placed by the U.S. under the off-shore procurement programme.

No official announcement has been made concerning the contract, but reports on it have been printed in the Turkish press.

This would be the first such order placed in Turkey.—Associated Press.


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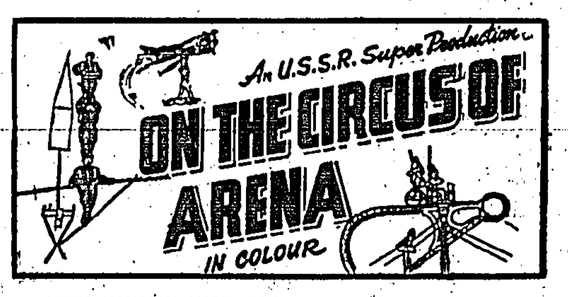

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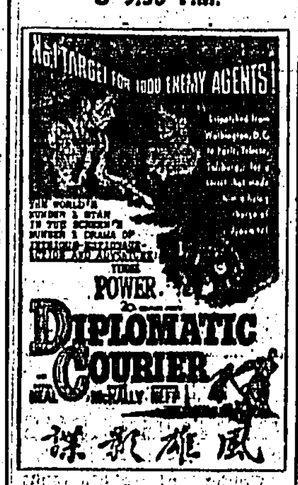

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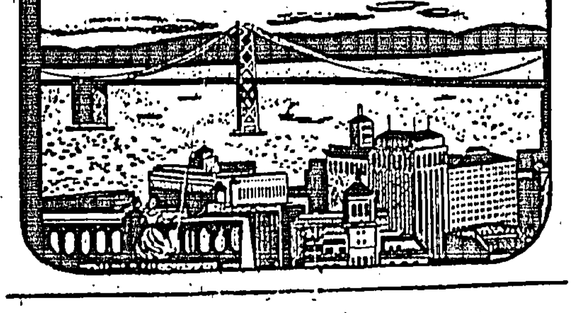

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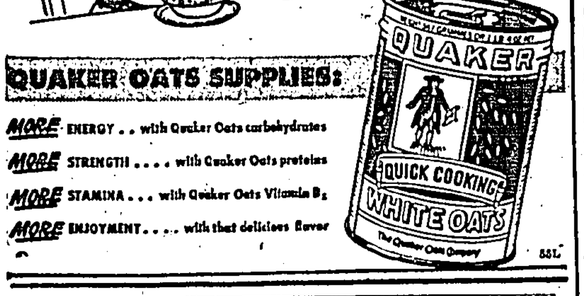


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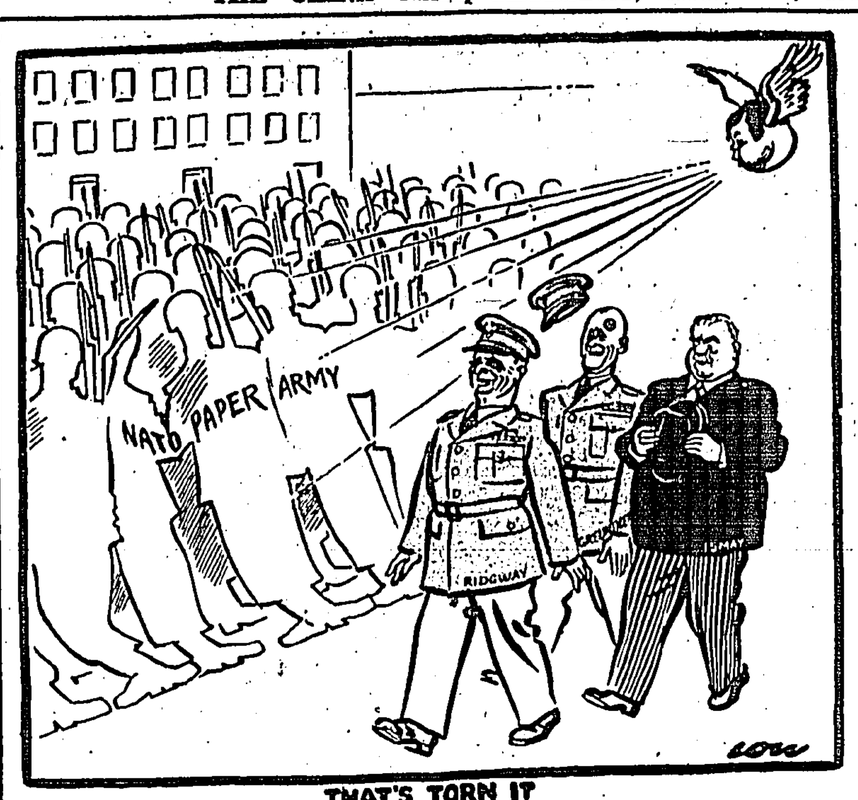


THAT'S TORN IT

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# Mr Ten Percent Knows His Trade

By MILTON SHULMAN

SIR ALEC MARTIN, auctioneer at Christie's, still sells the Old Masters — although nowadays people prefer them on the small side.

The Gainsborough went for eight guineas. The Rubens was knocked down for 12. No one seemed surprised. At Christie's surprise is for the amateurs.

And these were obviously professionals buying the paintings, engravings and drawings of the late Army colonel. The paintings might be "attributed" to Gainsborough or Rubens, but the low prices indicated how little the experts and dealers thought of their chances of being genuine.

On a rostrum stands Sir Alec Martin, the auctioneer, dominating with his brisk, business-like voice the rows of middle-aged and elderly buyers bent over their catalogues. "Lot 95. Five guineas offered." The bidding mounts, the hammer comes down. Another painting is propped up almost impatiently by the frock-coated attendants who have just whisked the last one away.

It is not an impressive day. The catalogue lists Claudes, Tintorettos, Brueghels, even a Rembrandt, but few fetch more than 200 guineas. One wonders if the late colonel knew what his highly distinguished gallery was really worth.

It takes a practised eye to discover the bidding. A wink, a nod, a wiggle of the pencil, a shrug indicate an offer. Sir Alec's head moves back and forth with the rhythm of a ping-pong ball.

## 'Don't scratch'

He knows where to look, how long to wait, what the chances are of getting any more. Sometimes, not often, the monotonous intonation of rising figures is stopped for a confirmation of a bid or for an admonition like "Don't scratch your head with that catalogue, sir. I thought you were bidding." It is dangerous to go to Christie's with a nervous tic.

The asides of the dealers —muttered in a variety of tongues and accents—show a decided respect for the wing-collared, almost benign, figure conducting the sale. "They'll never get it for 50. He'll make them go to 90 at least. He's a devil." Sure enough, it takes 95 guineas to buy the painting of a Lute Player.

For Sir Alec Martin is not only an auctioneer but an expert. "You cannot see 40,000 pictures a year without some knowledge brushing off on to you," he said.

Sometimes a genuine master can be found under a coat of dust and varnish. There was the little Dutch picture, bought for a few guineas in 1820, which Sir Alec Martin told an astonished South Coast man was a Pieter de Hooch. It sold for 3,400 guineas.

But more often the treasured heirloom will turn out to be only the exuberant boast of your great-grandfather. And while Christie's may have an opinion about a picture's authenticity they guarantee nothing.

Yet it is not likely that Sir Alec's judgment is often questioned. He has been at Christie's for 57 years, coming there as a boy of 12.

The son of a working man he went there as a lad-about-the-place and was told that if he was conscientious he might some day become a porter. But he studied typewriting and shorthand, haunted the galleries, helped to compile the catalogues, acquired French, and was encouraged by connoisseurs like Sir Hugh Lane and art critics like Sir Claude Phillips.

## Nelson's letters

He rose from auctioneer to partner to joint managing-director. He is today the Hon. Secretary of the National Art-Collections Fund, Governor of the National Gallery of Ireland and a Trustee of the Wallace Collection. The only remnant of his early beginnings is a tendency to drop "g's" at the end of words.

His office in Spencer House, St. James's Place, is cluttered with interesting Christie-ana. There is a caricature of a Red Cross Sale in 1914 by Max Beerbohm, a drawing by Rowlandson, a photograph of a painting by Gainsborough of the James Christie who founded the firm in 1766.

Most fascinating are two framed letters by Lord Nelson to Lady Hamilton, dated 1801. He is agitated because Christie is planning to sell a picture of her. He buys it himself. "I could not bear it should be put up to auction," he writes, "and if it had cost me 300 drops of blood I would have given it with pleasure."

Although pictures are Sir Alec's special concern, he likes to think of himself as a general practitioner.

According to Sir Alec, the most important qualifications for auctioneering are knowledge of the things being sold and knowledge of the buyers. "Some buyers try to keep out as long as possible for fear their presence will send the price up," he explained. "You have to know just when to bring them in."

The largest single day's sale at Christie's was £364,094 during the auction of the Holford Collection between the wars. The highest price paid for a picture was £60,900 for Romney's "Mrs Davenport." Christie's fee is a straight 10 percent of everything sold.

"Give me the luxuries, and I can dispense with the necessities" said Oscar Wilde, and Christie's have done their best to satisfy his plea. For the past two centuries they have been a showcase of what men covet.

A history of their buyers and sellers would include such names as Dickens, Garrick, the Prince Regent, Reynolds, Beau Brummell, Sheridan and Disraeli. New owners have been found for their treasures and for such historical curios as Oliver Cromwell's baby clothes and a cigar half-smoked by Edward VII.

But the times have been hard on the grand and pretentious. "Buyers now seek items that are suitable for more modest rooms and houses," said Sir Alec. "English ceramics, Georgian and Queen Anne silver, 17th century Dutch pictures, Italian primitives—but everything has to be small."

## The moderns?

Yet it is still the work of the old masters that turns up most often at Christie's. To Sir Alec a "modern" painting is only as recent as the French impressionists like Renoir, Degas and Monet. Such ultra-moderns as Picasso or Braque still hang on the walls of their owners rather than those of the saleroom.

And will Sir Alec predict which of today's artists are likely to fetch handsome prices in the auctions of the future? "No," he said. "I don't want to offend any of them."

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

# British Cars Drive Into Top Gear

On the way to Montreal, Tuesday.

BRITAIN'S motor magnates and their cars are making a tremendous hit here. I am heading north along Route 7 to the Canadian border and have seen literally hundreds of British cars in a four-hour driving stretch.

We are sending our cars over in all shapes, colours, and sizes, and the Americans are laying their dollars eagerly on the line to get them.

Before I hit the highway to Montreal I was in and out of motor showrooms and in and out of conferences with our motor-car manufacturers practically every day last week.

Sir William Rootes, launching his latest sports model on a sea of champagne, has set the pace. He has told me earnestly: "There is no substitute for salesmanship and quality. We are really getting somewhere. Americans are beginning to seek individuality in cars, and the British are the people who specialise in individuality, and lots of other things too.

"The dollars are pouring in and the British manufacturers are working as a team, although, of course, we are in fierce competition.

"Do you know Bill Lyons, boss of Jaguars?"

I said I did not know Mr Lyons and was introduced to him.

Sir William said: "A great friend of mine and a great competitor, but we are both working for Britain—that's the important point."

## 'Trade, not aid'

MR LYONS, a quiet, reserved man whose cars have gobbled up records all over the world, said:

"Business is booming. The simple slogan, 'Trade, not aid,' has caught on. Americans spent over 12,000,000 dollars last year buying my cars, and we expect the figures to be doubled this year.

"I am buying automatic transmissions from America, and the Americans are buying cars from me. That's trade and aid working both ways, and that is good business."

We are fortunate in our motor-car manufacturers.

Aiding these Englishmen, and everyone else for that matter, is Sir William Welsh, who was an Air Marshal of the R.A.F. and is now head of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders here.

Sir William Welsh insisted on opening the doors of cars and adjusting seats for me. He said: "How much better to sell the goods and make the dollars than borrow the money. That's what we are doing."

All week the new British models have been unveiled in a series of private and public shows.

I have attended every one of the shows and I would like to have seen more British journalists and officials there. If Sir William Rootes can stand around for hours selling his cars and if Mr Lyons can take orders on his own stand like one of his own salesmen, then the big Embassy and Consular "brass" can show up to help make dollars for Britain.

There is one feature we might omit from our motor-car exhibitions, and that is the fashion parade of mannequins or models. Pretty girls have an important place in life, but they clutter-up motor-car shows.

While our motor-car men have been shifting into top gear, our other business leaders and experts have been conferring with American industrialists.

## On the march

THERE is to be a big British trades exposition (I don't like that word) presented by the John Wanamaker New York and Philadelphia stores during May in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

This will spotlight British imports and bring in more dollars. Our business men are on the march.

Sometimes I think they do more for Britain and show more skill, acumen, energy, and accessibility than some of our politicians—certainly than many visiting members of Parliament.

While all this exuberant salesmanship has been displayed by the British, the Americans have been rather subdued. In Wall Street there has been some gloom as stocks tumbled several points and 3,000,000,000 dollars on paper were wiped out.

It is a sad commentary on human nature that reports and rumours of peace should bring apprehension to the stock market. The wretched phrase "peace scare" has been echoing in the canyons of Wall Street, and an even worse one, "the Malenkov depression," has been added to the catalogue of calamity.

The organ and mouthpiece of big business and the stock market, the Wall Street Journal, has to its credit, issued a protest. It says: "War itself is a terrible thing, but we find more terrible yet the fact that there are men walking about who talk of peace as if it were terrible."

The shareholders have dumped stocks like confetti, although now the wise boys are buying back and making a fat profit.

I talked to a broker I know. He said: "Some people down here have the jitters, and they should be spanked. Even if defence spending is slashed there is no need for panic.

"'Don't sell America short,' is what I'm telling my clients, and I think it good advice."

## That McCarthy

THERE are many people who think that President Eisenhower might say at this time a few blunt words to business with profit to everyone, but Ike is saying little.

The Washington Post says: "It's high time for the positive foreign policy that General Eisenhower talked about during the campaign."

I am afraid that Mr Eisenhower is shunning the issue of McCarthyism. I am sorry to keep writing about Senator Joseph McCarthy, but it's impossible to ignore him. McCarthy's name appeared 48 times in a recent issue of one newspaper here.

McCarthy is assuming the size and the characteristics of the late Huey Kingfish Long, Governor of Louisiana, who spellbound the mob with the slogan: "Every man a king."

McCarthy is spellbinding large numbers of Americans. Two columnists who recently dared to criticise him found their mail from readers five to one for McCarthy.

And when I attended a party given by Greek shipowner George Kulukundis the other week several guests told me: "McCarthy is a very great American, a fine patriot who really stands up to the Communists."

One man said: "I consider Joe McCarthy as great as George Washington."

What utter, dismal folly. McCarthy is for government of the Goons by the Goons. Either President Eisenhower cuts McCarthy down to size soon or McCarthy could one day be knocking at the White House door or threatening to kick it down.

## Show business

THE fine Easter weather kept attendance down at the cinemas and theatres. The one stage opening of the week, "Horses in Mid-Stream," with Sir Cedric Hardwicke, closed after only four performances. The horses were left at the post by the critics.

Emlyn Williams will present "Bleak House" here this month and also give some other characterisations of Charles Dickens.

Frankie Laine will appear at the London Palladium this summer and give his salary to the Tate Gallery to buy Rodin's statue "The Kiss" — the most expensive kiss in history.

Olivia de Havilland is making her first trip to England to visit relatives.

Income-tax authorities plan to plug loopholes which enable Hollywood stars to escape tax by sojourning in Rome.

SEFTON DELMER SIZES UP RUSSIA'S GAMBLE WITH THE DOCTORS

# Why The Lid—Clamped Down For Years By Stalin—Has Come Off

MALENKOV has taken the lid off. I never dreamed it would have been so soon.

Most significant of all the moves inside the Soviet Union this week-end is the release of the 15 Kremlin doctor "conspirators," cleared of charges of murdering Soviet leaders, and the public proclamation that the confessions were false.

And from Malenkov's point of view it was the most risky. For he and Beria have struck a blow at the fundamental source of all Government authority in the Soviet Union. The great question is: Will they be able to get that lid on again if and when they want to?

No doubt they are confident that they can do so at any time they wish.

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But this slap in the face for the secret police and Stalin's legendary infallibility sets the Soviet machine off on a period of readjustment which, to put it conservatively, is bound to submit it to a great strain.

What are Malenkov's motives? My guess is that a number of factors and motives have combined to produce the decision. These are:—

1 The realisation that if the peace move in Korea is to have any effect in lulling to sleep the hostility of the West, the anti-Jewish purge ordered by Stalin must be brought to an observable stop.

2 The conviction that Stalin's wholesale deportation and extermination of Soviet non-Russian nationalities (who had shown themselves unreliable during the war) should be switched off.

The survivors are now to be won over to loyalty and reliability with a policy of conciliation in which a greater measure of self-government is to play its part.

3 Malenkov's desire to unite the party and the army behind him with a show of greater liberalism and greater prosperity than was enjoyed under the Stalin regime.

This is to rally supporters in the first place before a challenge to his power from a rival leader and before a possible showdown with the West.

For Malenkov, despite all his tactical peace moves today, believes that ultimately — as Lenin and Stalin prophesied — the Communist world will have to secure its triumph over the non-Communists by armed force.

Now I do not expect the blow to the prestige of the secret police to have immediate consequences. The crowd servility of the Soviet citizenry after 30 years of oppression is too great.

But I do believe that, whatever his intentions may have been in launching this internal and external peace drive, Malenkov has started something which may well bring about fundamental Soviet changes.

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What must we do? In the first place we must help iconoclast Malenkov to go on shattering the illusion built up in Stalin's world.

Already he has shattered the belief that the Kremlin oligarchs stood united behind Stalin, that the great man could never make a mistake, that the authority of the secret police was absolute, unchallengeable, and always directed to the public weal.

NOW WE MUST help him to shatter the other fiction that the Soviet Union is surrounded by hungry, hostile capitalists who wish to destroy it.

WE MUST make it clear that we do not regard the peaceful co-existence of a Soviet bloc with a capitalist Western world as an impossibility.

WE MUST make it clear that we are just as ready to co-operate with a peaceful Soviet as we are with Communist Tito.

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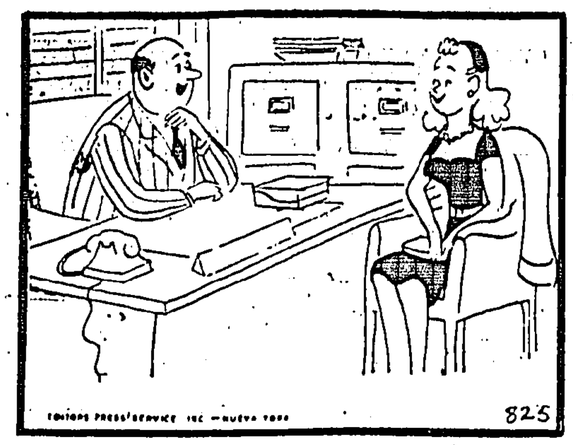
Now, what is the position of Beria in this attack on the secret police? Beria was until 1946 the head of the secret police. Since then, after its division into the M.V.D. (Ministry of Internal Security) and the M.G.B. (Ministry of State Security), he was supposed to be the co-ordinating overlord.

Nevertheless, I believe that Beria might be a prime advocate of Malenkov's new policy.

For it was Beria, in 1939 who persuaded Stalin to put an end to his great purge.

And it was Beria who secured the release — under cover of a publicised amnesty — of more than 600,000 prisoners, mostly members of the party.



"Now let me think. There must be *some* job around here you can do."

## • BY • THE • WAY •

### *by Beachcomber*

AN American laboratory has succeeded in producing "a breed of mouse so sensitive to sound that, at the ringing of a doorbell, it has convulsions, and dies in less than a minute."

If this new breed has any sense it will at once go to live in houses without doorbells, inhabited by quiet old people. Furthermore, the moment the mice get out of the laboratory they will fall in love with the old-fashioned type of mouse, which is indifferent to noise, and their offspring will sit back and laugh whenever the doorbell rings. But, in any case, people who have once seen a mouse die in convulsions will put up a notice: "Please use knocker." Much might be done with a new breed of elephants so sensitive to sound that they would die whenever the church bells pealed.

#### *Was the Lollipop Act infringed?*

THE Board of Hygiene has decided that when more than one person licks the same lollipop, clause 37a of the Lollipop Act (1918)" can be invoked, even when the licking is part of an entertainment. Mr Justice Cockiecarrot, commenting on the entertainment in which the licking occurred, said, "I understand the licking was symbolical. The alleged lickers only pretended to lick the lollipop, which did not come in contact with their tongues. If the lollipop was a dummy the complaint of the Board is still valid. In future, the lollipop, whether a dummy or not, should be eaten, in the presence of Hygiene experts, by the first person to touch it, and a certificate to that effect should be sent in quadruplicate to the Supreme Council of Hygiene for an inquiry."

#### *Printer's frolic*

*A burglar who jabbed a widow with his elbow was heard by a householder, and seized.*

(News item.)

MIXING business with pleasure, he could not resist giving her a sly dig in the ribs. Thud, thud.

#### *Twenty Years of Uproar*

A SINGER was criticised recently for "singing to the audience rather than to the partner in his duet." A common fault. Broccoli has even been known to dash off the stage during a duet, snatch a drink in the wings, and return in time to chip in. This destroys all illusion, of course, and is humiliating to the lady, but, as Broccoli said once, "I sing my bit. Why should I stand twiddling my thumbs while she sings her bit?"

#### *City notes*

OWING to a laughably small culling-in of funds, the big banks are balancing their books with the utmost ease. All the more so, as a credit surplus is being built up by the simple process of reverse culling of over-due statutory bills, which would normally change hands at a time of easy money. Meanwhile bullion movements are still subject to the seasonal depreciation of exchange funds, which is why discount houses have marked down a considerable overplus of credit for forward borrowing. The whole thing is rather sickening.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

BORN today, you are one of those rugged individuals who gets through to what she wants despite any and all kinds of opposition. No matter how rugged things get, you always seem to come out on the right side, eventually. You have a powerfully magnetic personality which attracts people of importance into your own intimate circle. You are not one to remain unrecognised for long, either. For you have many talents, and learned, at a tender age, how to utilise them to their peak capacity.

You have confidence in yourself, and you are a goldmine of ideas. But, you are not above seeking the advice of others. If it is good, you will follow it. But if it isn't, then you have the good sense to disregard it completely. Your taste is excellent and your ability to separate the wheat from the chaff should help you to become a great critic, and even a creative artist.

However, you are somewhat unstable, emotionally, and should learn to find a better balance. While some of this can be attributed, perhaps, to an "artistic" temperament, there are times when it appears to be more temper than anything else! You have a great capacity for anger and you are not one to ever forget an injury, real or imagined.

On the other hand, you are not one to forget a kindness, either. Your loyalty to one who stands by you during poor times as well as in good times, will reap a proper reward. Your nature is naturally a rather jealous one and you cannot endure seeing one you love sharing your affections. Yet, you yourself seem to have enough affection to go around among several, all at one time! Don't expect a full measure of devotion, unless you are ready and willing to give it, too!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)**—Courtesy, even with strangers you meet for the first time, may pay important dividends in the future.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)**—It may be necessary to tighten up the budget a little if you are to get everything you want.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 21)**—Don't argue; just be quietly persuasive. There is a difference, and the latter brings results.

**CANCER (June 22-July 23)**—One of those good days to "stay put." Stick to conventions; don't make any important changes. Avoid travelling.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**—There may be shins of storm clouds ahead. Batten down the hold! Get ready for a blow. You can weather it all right.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)**—Avoid legal issues right now. And wait until later on, to promote a new idea. Develop it more, first.

**LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)**—Co-operation and helpfulness can bring happiness to others as well as joy to yourself.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**—There may be something in the paper today that bears on work you are doing. Save the clipping!

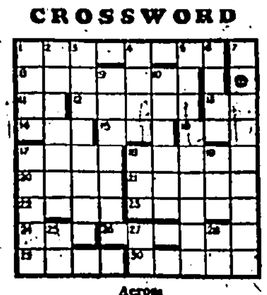
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)**—Don't go into a new plan without consulting your life partner, first. Get full co-operation.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)**—Before taking up a new project, be sure that your enthusiasms are not way out of bounds! Take a second look.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**—A neighbourhood celebration or a community project can be aided by your efforts. Give generously.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)**—Take into consideration the person who is making you an offer. No matter how visionary, you can trust it.

## CROSSWORD



**Across**

1. Rash. (6)
6. An eye to the camera, bud. (7)
11. Short bedside manner here. (2)
12. No, two eyes, see? (5)
13. Leatherneck. (2)
14. Slipped out of loo. (3)
15. Weight. (3)
16. That's torn it! (3)
17. Prima donna's song. (4)
18. He, pal: hi, Ida. (5)
20. Beginning of all French mountains. (4) 21. Object. (5)
22. Exhort. (4) 23. A near thing. (5)
24. Help! (3) 26. First, Adam. (6)
29. This way out, please. (4)
30. Competitor's piece. (5).

**Down**

1. Fury. (6)
2. Per Rome he came. (7)
3. They're the tops. (6)
4. Brief floor covering. (4)
5. A holy ordinance. (9)
6. Eastern garment. (4)
7. Not for ever. (9) 9. Spins. (7)
10. A short panto heroine feels warm. (6) 17 Entertain. (5)
18. Oh, fancy cutting 18 Across. (3)
19. What a savage! (3)
25. Tail in the soup. (2)
27. That is. (2)
28. The Queen's initials. (2)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Technical; 10, Rhubarb; 11, Me; 12, Upper; 15, Ant; 16, Boom; 17, Sweet; 19, Tobies; 20, N.E.; 23, Mi; 24, Artist; 26, Chimneys; 29, Seam; 30, Aster; 33, Artichoke. Down: 1, Trustees; 2, Eh; 3, Cupola; 4, H.M.; 5, Incre; 6, Ivy; 7, Old; 8, Amnesty; 9, Letters; 13, Ma; 14, Arkins; 15, Ant; 20, Once; 21, Cinch; 25, Set; 27, Ilia; 28, Mac; 31, O.K.; 32, T.B.

## DUMB-BELLS

## WHAT'S HER LINE?

### *PENELOPE HART-ROOTE*

Re-arrange the letters to spell her occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE

### Give Opponent Lead For Throw-In Play

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | NORTH | 16 |
| | ♠ 95 | |
| | ♥ J 10 6 2 | |
| | ♦ A 7 5 | |
| | ♣ Q 10 7 6 | |
| WEST | | EAST |
| ♠ Q J 7 2 | | ♠ A 8 4 3 |
| ♥ K Q 5 | | ♥ 9 7 4 |
| ♦ Q 9 8 2 | | ♦ J 6 4 |
| ♣ K 9 | | ♣ 8 4 3 |
| | SOUTH (D) | |
| | ♠ K 10 6 | |
| | ♥ A 8 3 | |
| | ♦ K 10 3 | |
| | ♣ A J 5 2 | |

Neither side vul.

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♣ | Double | Pass | 1-♠ |
| Double | Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass |
| Pass | 2 ♠ | 3 ♣ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

Opening lead—♠ 2

By OSWALD JACOBY

ALL expert bridge players know that in order to execute a throw-in play it is necessary to put an opponent in the lead at a time when he has no safe cards to get out with. In order to bring about this condition, it is usually necessary for declarer to draw trumps and to do some other spade work.

In today's hand, played in the recent National Mixed Pair Championship, conducted in Florida by the American Contract Bridge League, declarer had to execute her throw-in play at a time when one of the defenders still had a trump. This unusual play was carefully planned and executed by Mrs R. A. Dunphy, of Pass-A-Grille Beach, Fla.

West opened a low spade, and East won with the ace. East returned a low diamond, South played low, and West's eight forced out dummy's ace. Since entries to dummy were scarce Mrs Dunphy promptly led the queen of clubs from dummy and let it ride for a finesse.

West won with the king of clubs and returned a diamond, East's jack forcing out declarer's king.

It was now clear to Mrs Dunphy that West had both of the missing honours in hearts for the take-out double of one club. How could she avoid the loss of two heart tricks?

After some thought, Mrs Dunphy cashed the king of spades, ruffed her last spade in dummy, took a second round of trumps with the ace, and then exited with the ten of diamonds.

West was forced to win this trick with the queen of diamonds, and then had no safe return lead. If West returned a spade or a diamond, dummy could ruff with its last trump, while South discarded a losing heart. If West tried to return a heart, of course, South could lose only one trick in that suit.

If South had drawn East's last trump, she would have been obliged to draw the last trump from dummy at the same time. Then West could have gotten out safely with either his last spade or his last diamond. South would wind up losing two heart tricks, for a one-trick set instead of making her contract.

### CARD Sense

The bidding has been:

| North | East | South | West |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 Hearts | Pass | ? | |

You, South, hold: Spades A-J-6-3-2, Hearts K-4, Diamonds K-5-3-2, Clubs 6-4. What do you do?

**A—Bid two spades. You have 11 points in high cards, 1 point for the doubleton, and 1 extra point for the king of hearts. This is a very fine hand, and you should expect to reach a slam. You can afford to bid spades at this moment and bid vigorously later.**

**TODAY'S QUESTION**

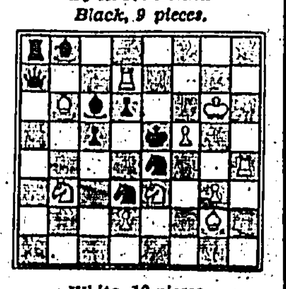
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 9-7, Hearts Q-7-5-3-2, Diamonds 5-3-2, Clubs 7-6-4. What do you do?

**Answer Tomorrow**

## CHESS PROBLEM

**By A. J. LEVETT**

*Black, 9 pieces.*



*White, 10 pieces.*

*White to play: mate in two.*

*Solution to yesterday's problem: 1, Kt—B7. . . 1 . . . B×Kt; 2, B—Q6; 1 . . . R×Kt; 2, P—Q6; 1 . . . Q—R8; 2, Kt—Q6 (ch).*

# ★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★

## Fashion Viewpoint

● *A gown that is (1) grey; (2) face-framing.*

● *You could call it "the TV engineer's nightmare."*

### Table Holes & Life

If you chose to represent the various parts in life by holes upon a table of different shapes —some circular, some triangular, some square, some oblong—and the persons acting these parts by bits of wood or similar shapes, we shall generally find that the triangular person has got into the square hole, the oblong into the triangular, and a square person has squeezed himself into the round hole. The officer and the office, the doer and the thing done, seldom fit so exactly that we can say they were almost made for each other.

—(Samuel Taylor Coleridge)

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### Elizabethan roses

Beautiful white cotton pique printed with Elizabethan roses has been made into halter-necked gowns, with boned bra tops and enormous skirts, by one London shop. Full length for summer evenings, and short for evenings or sundresses.

# *THIS IS MY LINE*

*To millions of T-Viewers, Ghislaine Alexander is the tall, dark, and graceful woman who can be more charming about not getting a right answer than anyone else on-screen. She is the woman whose elegance lights up "What's My Line?"; whose unusual first name (say it Gillian, with a hard "G") has become familiar in the nation's homes. Today, from the standpoint of the always-well-dressed, she steps out of the screen to face up to a fashion question, and reply: THIS is MY line.*

**by GHISLAINE ALEXANDER**

IF you listen to the pundits who tell you what to wear on TV, you find with dismay that all their advice is depressingly negative. "DON'T wear black . . . or white . . . or velvet . . . or a material with a shine.

"DON'T wear high necklines, DON'T wear low; DON'T be too elaborate; DON'T be too simple; DON'T wear sparkling jewellery; and DON'T look too bare."

"Why not black?" you ask. "It makes a bad picture," they say. "Why not white?" "Bad for contrast."

### At table height

☆ *IN* "What's My Line?" the dress I wear is seen only above table height—but it has been made as a whole; the top and the skirt designed to balance each other.

Dior's new Tulip Line, lovely as it may look in a showroom, would merely look top-heavy when cut off at an Empire waistline.

So you see that one must obviously concentrate on the Top Storey; all the emphasis on the lace and neckline.

☆ *COSTUME* jewellery is an invaluable aid. You may be very fond of grandmother's seed pearl necklace and Aunt Aggie's locket brooch—but these are both useless as far as TV is concerned.

Small necklaces look like a shoestring; and filigree or enamel work is simply not seen.

● Colour and fine workmanship are unimportant: "line" is the only thing that counts.

### Frame the face

☆ *THE NECKLINE* should be a frame to the face. When this is impossible for me to follow (because all my fichus or boat-shape necklines have been worn too often) I try to offset less becoming decolletes by some sensational piece of jewellery.

☆ *NOW* for the dresses you see me wearing here.

The dress on the left above conforms both to expert opinion and mine by being grey and face-framing.

Below it, the white dress, sewn with silver bugle beads, might well be called "Engineer's Nightmare"—but it is one of my favourites.

The big picture on the right shows a classically simple "top," with so many possibilities that I have even worn it back to front!

As for the other gown, it breaks the no-black rule, but I think its clear-cut lines are ideal for TV.

● *If ever I am appointed B.B.C. Director-General of Women's Dresses, then I shall take the responsibility. Until that day, I can only do my best to provide variety in my own wardrobe, and hope that you, the viewer, will like it.*

*So simple a top that it can be worn back to front! . . .*

Pictures by John French.
London Express Service

**ELEGANCE IN BLACK BREAKS THE RULE . . .**

● *The lady says: "Ideal."*

## Grilled Beef Israeli

In Israel, about one-third of the protein comes from animal sources, the remaining two-thirds from dried and fresh vegetables and grains. As a good example of modern, progressive nutrition, the Cooking Department of a vocational high school in Jerusalem is evidently teaching that:

"When the right proportion of animal protein is combined with and activates the right amount of vegetable protein, the full protein needs of the body are met."

**Dinner**

Vegetable-Lentil Soup
Choice of Grilled Chopped Beef Israeli with
Potatoes and Green Beans
or
Eggplant-Macaroni-Cheese Casserole with Beets
Fruit Cocktail or Yogurt with Jam
Coffee Tea Milk

*All Measurements Are Level*
*Recipes Serve Four*

**Grilled Chopped Beef Israeli**

The equivalent of our American hamburger. Put 1 lb. chopped beef twice through the food chopper with 1 peeled section garlic, 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and ¼ tsp. thyme. Shape into thin cutlets. Saute in vegetable fat about 12 min., or until well-done.

**Eggplant-Macaroni-Cheese Casserole**

Measure 1 c. high-protein elbow macaroni. Wash a 1½-lb. eggplant. Slice ¼-in. thick; saute in vegetable oil; then remove. Add 1 diced, seeded green pepper and 2 thin-sliced, peeled onions; saute until the colour turns. Add 1½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper to 1 (no 2) tin tomato, and spoon a thin layer into an oiled 2-qt. casserole. On this arrange ½ the eggplant, ½ the green pepper and onion, and ½ c. macaroni. Continue until all ingredients have been used. Add 1½ c. boiling water. Cover and bake 45 min. in a hot oven, 425° F. Uncover. Dust with ½ c. grated Cheddar cheese. Top with 8 oz. creamed cottage cheese, and grill until bubbly and pale gold.

**Trick of the Chef**

Season green beans with a very little mace.

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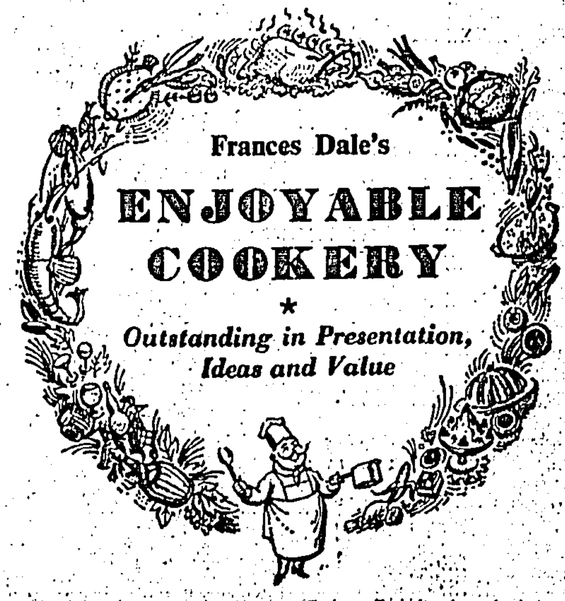

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# *BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE*

## Giddap Delivers A Message

*—It's for Brown-Ear from His Friend the Collie—*

By MAX TRELL

IT was still very early in the morning (in fact it was still dark), when Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, heard a clump-clump-clatter-clatter down below in front of the house. He recognised the footsteps of his friend Giddap the milk wagon horse.

Knarf sprang from the corner in which he was sleeping and hurried downstairs. Sure enough, there was Giddap, hitched to the milk wagon as usual, waiting while the milkman went to put milk on the doorsteps of several houses.

**Tapped Feet**

To Knarf's surprise, just as he was coming up close to Giddap, the horse suddenly put one of his feet on the sidewalk and tapped three or four times. The next instant a dog came running out from one of the houses. He ran straight up to Giddap and stopped.

Knarf was sure the dog was about to say something. So he waited.

He was right. The dog began at once.

"Good morning, Giddap."

"Good morning, Brown-Ear," answered Giddap. "I've got a message for you."

"A message! What message?"

"From your friend the collie who lives down at the other end of the street."

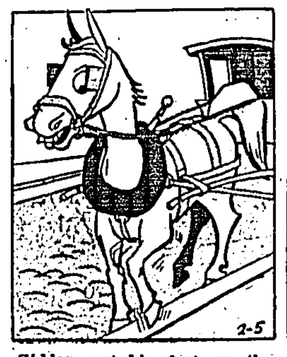
**Has to Watch House**

"Oh, what does he want?"

"He wants you to come to his house today. He can't come to see you as promised. He's got to stay and watch the house. Everyone is away. He's tied by a long rope to the back porch rail. But the rope isn't long enough to reach here."

"I'm glad you told me," Brown-Ear replied. "I'll go and visit him right after breakfast. There—they're starting to wake up in my house now. Good-bye, Giddap. Oh, Giddap," the dog said, turning back again. "Would you do me a favour?"

"Certainly, if I can," said Giddap.



Giddap put his foot on the side-walk and tapped a few times.

**Around the Corner**

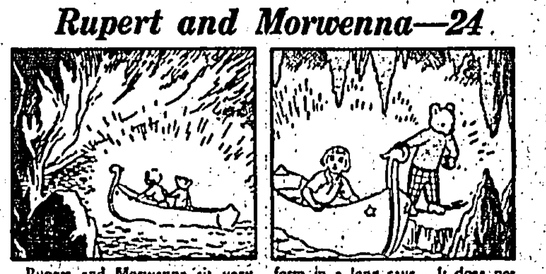
"Tell the black spotted terrier around the corner that I'll be over at the collie's place this morning. Tell him to meet us there."

"Around the corner? Yes—that's all right. We're going around the corner now. Here comes the milkman. Good-bye, Brown-Ear!"

At that moment the milkman returned, stepped inside the wagon, and off went Giddap around the corner; clump-clump-clatter-clatter before Knarf even had time to say hello and good-bye.

"Just think," Knarf said to himself as he returned to his corner. "Just think of a milk wagon horse delivering messages to dogs with the milk! Wouldn't folks be surprised if they knew!"

## *Rupert and Morwenna—24*



Rupert and Morwenna sit very still, expecting to be tossed about, but the silver boat hardly sways as it cuts its way across the sea. When the cliffs of the mysterious island loom ahead it slackens speed and, gliding under a low arch, comes to rest beside a rocky platform in a long cave. It does not move again so Rupert gets out rather nervously, still clutching the red shell. The glow from the boat shows up all sorts of weird shapes. "What do we do now?" he whispers, "Nobody's about and it's terribly silent!"

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# Don't Be Sorry For Me...

## Says DEREK DOOLEY

**(Former Sheffield Wednesday Centre-Forward)**

Back home in Sheffield again. It's grand. I can see more clearly now. The doctors, the sisters and nurses in the Preston Infirmary were great people, so kind and gentle, but all the time I was in a kind of daze. I couldn't think straight....till I got home.

**Don't think I'm bemoaning my accident. Lots of people are worse off than I am. I have lost a leg, but I have a wonderful wife, a devoted mother and father, and a club whose debt I can never repay.**

Perhaps losing a leg, even though it meant giving up my life-blood, football, was for my own good. That's the way I like to look at it. That's the only way.

When they first told me, that Tuesday in Preston Infirmary, that amputation was necessary ....well, there are things a man feels but cannot tell.

I'm not a religious sort of chap. I'm Church of England. Not a very regular member, I'm afraid—but I confess I prayed then and prayed hard.

When you're 23, a member of a great club like Sheffield Wednesday, when the newspapers begin to praise you and talk of England caps to come, the zest for life is strong.

In a flash it all goes. You think "I'll never face this," but somehow, somewhere, you get that extra urge to live, to make the best of it.

**WIVES ARE WONDERFUL**

I like to think Yorkshire folk are famous for making the best of things. My wife Sylvia and my mother and father are Yorkshire. If they'd cried or broken down....well, I don't know what I would have done.

That's what's so wonderful about wives and mothers—the way they make things easier for you when the going is really tough.

Sylvia and I celebrate our first wedding anniversary in June, and it will take more than a couple of crutches to stop us celebrating this eventful year.

How kind people are. Ordinary people who have never seen me sent me letters by the hundred, apart from great bunches of flowers and similar gifts.

**THANKS TO ALL**

I'd love to answer all those letters—particularly those from the youngsters — but it would take so long. I'll keep them, though, and if the heartfelt thanks of an ex-Sheffield Wednesday centre forward can repay the writers, well....thanks.

Football is the greatest game in the world, but it can be cruel. You don't hear of half the minor tragedies that happen.

Take my club alone. In three years three fine first-team players — Humphrey Swift (back), Alf Rogers (inside forward), and Eddie Kilshaw (right winger) — have been forced out of football through injuries or complaints brought on by football.

There are hundreds of cases. You seldom hear of them.

Only when a case like mine arises do the public realise the players have a price to pay for football, too.

**WOULD STILL BE ONE**

See how very unlucky my club have been with injuries.

My manager, Mr Eric Taylor, says the club lost its right leg when I lost mine—an exaggeration, I'm sure, though I appreciate the compliment — so you can realise how unlucky Wednesday have been in losing three other players.

People ask me: "Would you become a footballer, Derek, if you had your time over again?" You bet I would. And for the same club—Sheffield Wednesday. They have been like a parent to me.

Football is a man's game. Everybody — or nearly everybody—is your friend. Sure, you get knocks. After all, it's a game, isn't it?

A man's not much of a man if he can't take a risk. Too bad I lost the gamble, but those days as Sheffield Wednesday centre forward were worth it. I'll never forget them.

Playing for Wednesday was the greatest thrill in the world. They were my idols as a kid. Little did I think I'd ever play for them.

I played for Owler-lane School, then the YMCA. Somebody from Lincoln City signed me as an amateur, and I had games with the reserves.

Then, to my amazement, Mr Taylor approached dad after I had played for Sheffield and Hallamshire Youth team against Doncaster in 1947, and invited him to bring me along to see him.

We went along, and there I was in June 1947—a professional footballer with my own club. Talk about dreams coming true. I never even dared to dream such a miracle.

The football was tougher—in a harder sense—now. I remember our YMCA team once won 19-0. No more of that.

Not that I enjoy an easy game. The finest game is the one where it's strong, tough, and unflinching, with you, of course, just winning a close battle.

Outside my window as I write this is my young cousin, Peter Hopkins, playing with a ball. If he becomes a footballer, I'll be glad.

That should show you what I think of the game....and always will.

So please don't be sorry for me. Really there is nothing to be sorry about and, as I said, there are people much worse off.

—(London Express Service)

# Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 15.

League football results today were:

**DIVISION I**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arsenal | 4 | Bolton W | 1 |
| Blackpool | 1 | Stoke City | 1 |

**DIVISION II**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Everton | 3 | Bury | 0 |
| Southampton | 1 | Birmingham | 1 |

**DIV. III (SOUTH)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bournemouth | 2 | Shrewsbury T | 0 |
| C. Palace | 2 | Exeter C | 0 |
| Ipswich T | 1 | Swindon T | 1 |
| Torquay U | 4 | Norwich C | 1 |
| Brighton & H | 1 | Millwall | 0 |

**DIV. III (NORTH)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gateshead | 1 | Workington | 1 |

**FRIENDLY**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Notts F. | 6 | Clyde | 0 |

**SCOTTISH "A"**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Celtic | 1 | Aberdeen | 3 |
| P Rangers | 9 | Airdrie | 2 |

—Reuter.

**ADDITIONAL FIXTURES**

London, Apr. 15.

Additional Home football fixtures for Saturday are:

International match: England v. Scotland at Wembley Stadium.

Scottish League Division "A": Celtic v. East Fife, Falkirk v. Hearts, Motherwell v. Aberdeen, Queen of South v. Dunbee.

Scottish League Division "B": Albion Rovers v. Forfar Athletic, Cowdenbeath v. Ayr United, Dundee United v. Kilmarnock, Morton v. Arbroath.

**MIDWEEK FIXTURES**

**Monday, April 20**

League Division I: Manchester United v. Liverpool.

League III (Southern): Queens Park Rangers v. Shrewsbury Town.

League III (Northern): Bradford City v. Mansfield Town, Darlington v. Stockport County, Hartlepools U. v. Chesterfield, Port Vale v. York City.

Scottish League Division "A": Falkirk v. Aberdeen, Hibernian v. East Fife, Motherwell v. Rangers.

Other matches: Bury v. Clyde, Millhall v. Raith Rovers.

**Tuesday, April 21**

League III, (Southern): Bristol City v Leyton Orient

League III (Northern): Oldham Athletic v Halifax Town.

Other match: Fulham v Airdrieonians

**Wednesday, April 22**

League Division I: Bolton Wanderers v West Bromwich Albion, Cardiff City v Arsenal, Charlton Athletic v Burnley, Manchester City v Preston North End.

League Division II: Brentford v. Luton Town, Doncaster Rovers v. Notts County, Everton v. Lincoln City, Leeds United v. Notts Forest.

League III (Southern): Aldershot v. Gillingham, Brighton & Hove v. Bournemouth, Crystal Palace v. Ipswich Town, Exeter City v. Coventry City, Norwich City v. Bristol Rovers.

League III (Northern): Bradford v. Accrington Stanley, Chester v. Crewe Alexandra, Southport v. Trammere Rovers, Workington v. Wrexham.

Scottish League Division "A": Clyde v. Third Lanark.

Scottish League Division "B": Forfar Athletic v. Kilmarnock, Queens Park v Albion Rovers.

Other match: Mansfield Town v Leicester City.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

League III (Southern): Colchester United v. Millwall, Newport County v. Reading, Northampton Town v. Torquay United, Walsall v. Swindon Town, Watford v. Southend United.—Reuter.

# Home Soccer Standings

Football League standings, inclusive of Wednesday's matches are:

**First Division**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arsenal | 36 | 19 | 11 | 6 | 91 | 59 | 49 |
| Wolves | 40 | 18 | 13 | 9 | 79 | 50 | 49 |
| Preston | 38 | 18 | 12 | 8 | 79 | 50 | 48 |
| Burnley | 39 | 17 | 11 | 10 | 62 | 44 | 45 |
| West Brom | 39 | 19 | 7 | 13 | 91 | 56 | 45 |
| Blackpool | 40 | 18 | 9 | 13 | 68 | 64 | 45 |
| Charlton | 39 | 17 | 10 | 11 | 72 | 56 | 44 |
| Man. U | 39 | 17 | 9 | 13 | 64 | 64 | 43 |
| Sunderland | 39 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 63 | 75 | 40 |
| Tottenham | 39 | 14 | 10 | 15 | 72 | 63 | 38 |
| Cardiff | 37 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 50 | 38 | 37 |
| Bolton | 39 | 14 | 9 | 16 | 58 | 65 | 37 |
| Portsmouth | 39 | 13 | 10 | 16 | 63 | 70 | 36 |
| Aston V. | 38 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 55 | 56 | 35 |
| Newcastle | 39 | 12 | 9 | 17 | 54 | 61 | 33 |
| Middlesbro | 39 | 12 | 10 | 17 | 60 | 74 | 34 |
| Liverpool | 39 | 13 | 8 | 18 | 57 | 76 | 34 |
| Stoke | 40 | 12 | 10 | 18 | 51 | 61 | 34 |
| Manch C. | 38 | 13 | 7 | 18 | 66 | 77 | 33 |
| Sheffield W. | 40 | 11 | 11 | 18 | 53 | 68 | 33 |
| Chelsea | 39 | 11 | 10 | 18 | 52 | 82 | 32 |
| Derby | 39 | 9 | 10 | 20 | 52 | 72 | 26 |

**Second Division**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sheffield U | 39 | 23 | 10 | 6 | 92 | 51 | 56 |
| Huddersfield | 39 | 22 | 9 | 8 | 76 | 31 | 53 |
| Luton | 38 | 22 | 6 | 10 | 79 | 45 | 50 |
| Plymouth | 39 | 19 | 8 | 12 | 61 | 53 | 46 |
| Notts F. | 38 | 18 | 8 | 12 | 74 | 58 | 44 |
| Fulham | 39 | 17 | 9 | 13 | 73 | 64 | 43 |
| Leicester | 39 | 16 | 11 | 12 | 82 | 71 | 43 |
| Blackburn | 40 | 17 | 8 | 15 | 63 | 50 | 42 |
| Birmingham | 39 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 63 | 63 | 42 |
| Leeds | 38 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 63 | 65 | 39 |
| Swansea | 39 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 73 | 75 | 39 |
| West Ham | 39 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 53 | 53 | 37 |
| Rotherham | 40 | 15 | 7 | 18 | 72 | 74 | 37 |
| Everton | 39 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 68 | 67 | 37 |
| Doncaster | 38 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 53 | 59 | 36 |
| Notts Co. | 39 | 13 | 8 | 18 | 58 | 63 | 34 |
| Lincoln | 38 | 8 | 17 | 13 | 53 | 67 | 33 |
| Brentford | 38 | 12 | 9 | 17 | 63 | 70 | 33 |
| Bury | 40 | 12 | 9 | 19 | 51 | 77 | 33 |
| Hull City | 38 | 12 | 7 | 19 | 53 | 66 | 31 |
| Southampton | 39 | 8 | 13 | 18 | 59 | 81 | 29 |
| Barnsley | 39 | 5 | 7 | 27 | 45 | 101 | 17 |

**Third Div. (South)**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bristol R. | 41 | 25 | 10 | 6 | 88 | 42 | 60 |
| Millwall | 41 | 22 | 11 | 8 | 99 | 60 | 55 |
| Northampton | 41 | 23 | 8 | 10 | 95 | 63 | 54 |
| Norwich | 41 | 22 | 8 | 11 | 88 | 52 | 52 |
| Bristol C. | 41 | 19 | 14 | 8 | 86 | 59 | 52 |
| Coventry | 41 | 19 | 10 | 12 | 72 | 54 | 48 |
| Watford | 41 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 59 | 58 | 44 |
| Southend | 41 | 17 | 10 | 14 | 62 | 63 | 44 |
| Brighton | 42 | 16 | 11 | 15 | 71 | 73 | 43 |
| Bournemouth | 41 | 17 | 8 | 16 | 66 | 63 | 42 |
| Reading | 41 | 16 | 8 | 17 | 58 | 53 | 40 |
| Torquay | 42 | 16 | 8 | 18 | 77 | 80 | 40 |
| Newport | 42 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 66 | 78 | 38 |
| Ipswich | 42 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 57 | 64 | 38 |
| Colchester | 39 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 53 | 55 | 37 |
| Leyton O. | 41 | 14 | 9 | 18 | 56 | 63 | 37 |
| C. Palace | 41 | 13 | 11 | 17 | 54 | 77 | 37 |
| Exeter | 43 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 58 | 70 | 36 |
| Gillingham | 41 | 11 | 14 | 16 | 60 | 62 | 36 |
| Aldershot | 40 | 10 | 14 | 16 | 54 | 65 | 34 |
| Shrewsbury | 42 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 62 | 83 | 33 |
| Q.P.R. | 41 | 11 | 9 | 21 | 57 | 79 | 31 |
| Swindon | 42 | 12 | 11 | 19 | 57 | 72 | 33 |
| Walsall | 42 | 7 | 8 | 27 | 51 | 103 | 22 |

**Third Div. (North)**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oldham | 42 | 21 | 12 | 9 | 74 | 42 | 54 |
| Port Vale | 42 | 17 | 17 | 8 | 59 | 34 | 51 |
| Wrexham | 41 | 21 | 7 | 13 | 75 | 60 | 49 |
| Southport | 43 | 19 | 11 | 13 | 57 | 53 | 49 |
| Grimsby | 42 | 19 | 10 | 13 | 69 | 50 | 48 |
| York City | 42 | 19 | 10 | 13 | 63 | 49 | 48 |
| Carlisle | 43 | 17 | 12 | 14 | 76 | 61 | 46 |
| Crewe | 42 | 20 | 6 | 16 | 66 | 62 | 46 |
| Bradford | 42 | 17 | 11 | 14 | 67 | 56 | 45 |
| Gateshead | 43 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 77 | 56 | 45 |
| Scunthorpe | 43 | 16 | 12 | 15 | 69 | 63 | 44 |
| Stockport | 42 | 16 | 11 | 15 | 77 | 63 | 43 |
| Tranmere | 42 | 19 | 5 | 18 | 57 | 54 | 43 |
| Chesterfield | 42 | 16 | 11 | 15 | 56 | 56 | 43 |
| Barrow | 43 | 16 | 11 | 16 | 61 | 66 | 43 |
| Mansfield | 43 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 44 | 57 | 43 |
| Halifax | 43 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 63 | 61 | 43 |
| Hartlepools | 42 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 49 | 56 | 41 |
| Bradford C. | 42 | 12 | 17 | 13 | 67 | 76 | 41 |
| Chester | 41 | 10 | 14 | 17 | 59 | 70 | 34 |
| Darlington | 42 | 12 | 6 | 24 | 56 | 93 | 30 |
| Rochdale | 43 | 12 | 5 | 26 | 59 | 89 | 29 |
| Workington | 42 | 10 | 9 | 23 | 49 | 85 | 29 |
| Accrington | 42 | 7 | 11 | 24 | 38 | 79 | 25 |

## BACK WITH HIS CLUBMATES AGAIN

**Derek Dooley left Preston Hospital on April 6 and travelled by ambulance to Sheffield where he watched his team play Manchester City.**

**Photo shows Dooley having a before-the-match chat with clubmates goalkeeper McIntosh, Albert Quixall (centre) and Jackie Sewell.**

# Exams 'Sink' The Wardrop Swimming Twins

## By GEORGE WHITING

**Anthropology, zoology and geography saved United States newspapers from splashing their sports pages with news of a British assault on their national swimming supremacy. The 6 ft. 1 in. Wardrop twins from Motherwell are out—for the time being.**

Jack, cleaner-up of every British free-style record from 100 yards to the mile, and Bert, British Backstroke Champion, withdrew from the AAU Championships at Yale University. They were ologising elsewhere.

**PAYING THEIR WAY**

At the University of Michigan, where the braw, 20-year-old "identicals" are first-year students, brother Jack said: "We had scholarship examinations in anthropology, zoology and geography. We dare not fail. We depend on these scholarships to support us."

The twins, studying at Michigan on the suggestion of the University's swimming coach, Matt Mann, from Leeds, had entered the Championships as "unattached," and were paying their own expenses — freshmen at Michigan not being permitted to represent their University.

Jack had sent in his name for the 220 yards, 440 yards and 1,500 metres free-style, Bert for the 100 yards free-style, 50 yards and 150 yards back-stroke, and 500 yards individual medley.

On their Olympic showing in Helsinki, the twins could justifiably have been expected to perform to good purpose in all these events.

**WIZARD WAITER**

Their robust Scots challenge was missed—but it is premature to be wailing about the Wardrops. They're doing fine, and feeling fine, at 13½ stone apiece — after an initial onslaught on steaks that sent each of them way past the 15 stone mark.

"We make 20 dollars pin-money a week, in addition to the scholarships, which pay the University dues," says Jack.

"You'll never guess my job. Three to four days a week I wait at tables—three times a day at a girls' sorority."

Jack also earns dollars as a State laboratory assistant, and has laid on another job selling programmes at football matches. Bert works in his spare time at an atomic research laboratory.

Their future? Nothing planned, say the twins, beyond a hoped-for tour de water in the 1956 Olympics in Australia. They may or may not stay in the USA after graduation.

Meanwhile, they swim, and swim, and swim in the Michigan University baths. And Jack looks a wizard as a waiter.

**PRICE OF SPORT**

Sport takes its toll. Herne Hill's 18-year-old R. D. ("Dick'e") Brace, who played cricket for the Young Amateurs of Surrey last year and had a trial at The Oval when he was 14, has had a leg amputated above the knee.

Recently, he had been complaining of pain after playing soccer for Alleyn Old Boys — beaten finalists in the Old Boys Cup—and went into Orpington General Hospital.

Young Brace had a brilliant season last year, topping the Alleyn's School bowling averages with 63 wickets at an average of 9.48.

In a short spell with the Old Boys he headed their bowlers' list, with a best performance of 9 for 28 against Norwood CC.

**BY GEORGE....**

Jockeys played boxers at football at Highbury. And every one was trying!

—(London Express Service)

# Amateur Sport & Cricket Exempted From Paying Tax

London, Apr. 14.

**Cricket—England's traditional summer game—and amateur sport were today exempted from entertainments tax by Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer.**

In his Budget speech, Mr Butler said that he had now found a way of helping amateur sport in general. He was not concerned with the status of the individuals but with clubs and organisations.

The exemption will apply to games, races and other sports provided by a club or a similar organisation established and conducted for the promotion and furtherance of amateur sport and not conducted or established for profit.

"It will, of course, be a condition that no remuneration should be paid to anyone actually taking part" Mr Butler said.

Mr Butler went on:

"In most sports the amateur definition which I have devised will I think work reasonably well but it will not do for cricket. In this country cricket occupies a special class among sports, not only as forming part of the English tradition but as a common interest helping to bind together the various countries of the Commonwealth.

"With all this in mind, and as the total receipts of entertainments duty from cricket are so small, I propose to exempt it from duty altogether."

The concession will take effect from April 27 next.

Last year, cricket clubs were excused extra tax payment on gates after strong protests had been made in the House of Commons. It was then declared that if the extra tax had been imposed, duty on test match profits would have risen from £26,000 to £57,000.—Reuter.

# Tulyar Will Not Race Again

Dublin, Apr. 15.

Tulyar, the horse the Irish National Stud bought from the Aga Khan for £250,000, will not race again, it was announced here tonight. He is being retired to stud.

Tulyar was the outstanding horse on the British turf last year as a three-year-old, creating a money-winning record. There has been much speculation since his purchase by the Irish National Stud as to whether he would be raced again before being retired to stud.

His trainer, Marcus Marsh, was bitterly disappointed at the decision. He said tonight: "I have every confidence in the horse. He is better now than he was last year and I told them that he should run."—Reuter.

# Athletic Meet At Lyemun

There will be a quadrangular athletic meeting at Lyemun at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow between the Navy, Army and RAF.

The Navy will be represented by HMS Unicorn, the RAF by Little San Wan and the Army by HKCTU and E Troop 187 Bty R.A.

The HKCTU will also be At Home to HMS Unicorn in shooting and basketball.

# GAVILAN WINS

Cleveland, Apr. 15.

Kid Gavilan, world welterweight champion, gained a split decision win over 10 rounds against Livio Minelli of Italy last night, in a non-title fight.—Reuter.

# IOC Congress —No Decision On Melbourne

Mexico City, Apr. 16.

Australian delegates to the International Olympic Committee's annual Congress, due to open here on Friday, will have informal discussions with the Executive of the Committee today about arrangements for the 1956 Olympic Games, now set to be held at Melbourne.

Mr Avery Brundage of the United States, President of the International Committee, emphasised that tomorrow's talks would be only of an "exploratory nature" and that the issue of whether the 1956 Games could or would be held in Melbourne could only be decided by the full Congress.

There had been earlier rumours and unconfirmed reports that preliminary meetings would settle the question so as to "avoid" full discussion in the Congress.—Reuter.

# BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, Apr. 15.

Baseball results today were:

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 002 | 000 | 000 — 2 8 0 |
| Brooklyn | 100 | 100 | 020 — 4 8 0 |

Winning pitchers: Lindell and Sandlock.

Losing pitchers: Meyer and Camponella.

Home run: Pittsburgh — Lindell.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 000 | 100 | 000 — 1 5 4 |
| Philadelphia | 200 | 101 | 300 — 8 14 1 |

Home runs: New York — Thomson; Philadelphia — Ennis.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 000 | 010 | 000 — 1 7 2 |
| New York | 000 | 010 | 210 — 4 5 1 |

Winning pitchers: Reynolds and Berra.

Losing pitcher: Shantz.—Associated Press.

## DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN

# MR WALDER SELLS SOCCER TO AMERICAN BOYS

**James Walder, 67 years young and healthy, who has been acting unpaid British Ambassador to the court of American Soccer these last 50 years, has left town taking his coonskin-collared coat, battered cord hat, and brain-dazing knowledge of world football.**

Jimmy Walder has a refereeing date in Germany where for the past two years he has been flying in from America to further the football education of the GI Football clinics, he calls his trips.

This smooth-talking Walder, who rolls out the words with low-geared persistence, reckoned the Football Association were off the beam when they rated referees too old at 45.

Here we agreed like newly weds, as I bitterly recalled that it was at this vigorous age that such highly efficient referees as W. H. E. Evans, the "Liverpool Greyhound," were being de-whistled, or whatever they do to sack referees.

**TIMEKEEPING**

We were almost blood brothers in our unity on such matters as:

1. Timekeeping in football, voted by 95 per cent of the 700 American national coaches as the most efficient system.

2. Kicking-in instead of throwing-in, rated as a time-saver and a sound method of checking the deliberate kick-out.

3. Two referees, whose on-the-spot views would cut out many of the fouls committed when the referee is not looking.

And before the collar-tearing rage of disagreement, just remember these are no new-fangled ideas.

From the Walder observations: "Soccer is now played in every big American school and college worth the name, and carrying the spare cash to hire a coach. It is right on the upgrade.

"We have to turn down G.I. applications to join our clinics for playing, coaching, and refereeing on the Germany trips. We have 400 American teams in Germany. Our target is 1,500 teams.

"Order of merit among the American fans reads: Arsenal, a clear No. 1; Manchester United No. 2, Liverpool No. 3.

**'WORLD'S BEST'**

"American referees are going to be the best in the world. They will have to be where Soccer aggression is regarded more highly than art. Continental referees are just about useless.

"Best football in England, ranging from First Division games and through the class amateurs, was a school's game between East Ham and West Ham schoolboys.

"When the American boys can see 1,000 dollars a year and a job from Soccer they will be the best in the world. That dollar urge has made them tops at baseball—a sagging industry until the dollar jingled — boxing, golf, tennis, and just about every sport in the professional calendar.

"The British pay for Soccer men is a joke, unless you happen to be on the receiving end."

Jim Walder was born in Dewsbury, Yorkshire. Played Northern Union Rugby. Captained his old school, St. Paulinus, at Soccer. Decided to referee one game in America. Has refereed ever since.

As he moved off clutching his aged cord hat he said: "My daughter said it was too old to bring, but I was not going to get a good ten dollar hat knocked about."

So, for all those years in America, there remains one corner of an exile that is for ever Yorkshire.

—(London Express Service)

# Ladies' Hockey International Tournament

The Ladies' International Hockey Tournament will be played next Sunday April 19, at Boundary Street, Police Ground at 2.30 p.m. The three teams taking part are England, Portugal & Scotland, as follows:

England.—S. Heitmeyer, J. Hynes, B. Rouse, J. Lambooy, J. Bedford, D. Jillott, S. Hewson, M. Mickell, H. Hale, E. Dodge, V. Jillott.

Scotland.—K. Campbell, M. Revie, J. Gerrard, S. Millar, J. Crighton, D. Handyside, J. Adams, D. Parker, L. Ramsay, R. Scott.

Portugal will be represented by Recreio "A" Colours—Recreio Blue & White; England, Red Shirts, White Shorts & Blue Socks; Scotland, All White. Umpires.—Sgt T. L. A. Davies, S/Sgt C. C. Palmes, Tara Singh and John Asoma.

**REST v WINNERS**

The Rest v Winners match will be played on April 23. The match will commence at 5.30 p.m. and will be played at Sookunpoo.

Umpires.—Miss P. Martin and Miss J. Bedford.

The Rest Of The Colony will wear all white, and will be from:—D. Ozorio, T. Neronha, R. Read, D. Handyside, M. Fincher, B. Greaves, R. Marques, S. Correa, J. Adams, E. Leonard, L. Brandt, J. Crighton, B. Rouse. Anyone unable to play please contact Hon Sec. J. Crighton at 30018 (Office) or 33007 (Home).

# International Films Bridge Tournament

The following is the draw for the second round of the Open Team of Four Championship for the International Films Cup, which will be played off at the Club Lusitano to-day at 6.30 p.m.

Team No. 1—Charles Pan, S.C. Sun, T.Y. Chang, P.C. Shuai v. Team No. 8—J.S. Cheng, Mrs J. Chen, C.P. Tang, M.L. Wu.

Team No. 6—G.Y.C. Tsiang, K.Y. Ho, L. Sung, F. Chang v. Team No. 5—A.E. Osmund, D.M. Rodrigues, A.H. Corveth, A.M. Ozorio.

Team No. 13—Y.C. Chu, S.K. Lee, M.C. Siu, K.H. Yip v. Team No. 10—F.A. Gill, L.A. Ozorio, J.A. Barcelos, A.F. Noronha.

Team No. 12—George Yeung, K.C. Ip, Lung Tin-tong, Mrs C.C. Lo v. Team No. 2—Clement Yeh, Y.M. Chu, D.C. Lou, P.L. Ip.

The winners of the first two and last two matches will play each other respectively in the semi-final round.

Today's match will be over 40 boards and will be computed on International Match Points (aggregate points).

A consolation tournament for those teams eliminated in the qualifying round will be held at the same time and place as the second round matches.

# "Ike" Prevailed Upon To Throw First Ball

Augusta, Ga., Apr. 14.

Ruffled baseball fans were somewhat placated today when it was announced that President Eisenhower would throw the first ball in the postponed game between the world champions, the New York Yankees, and the Washington Senators in Washington on Thursday.

Mr Eisenhower two weeks ago publicly declined to go to the opening day game scheduled for yesterday afternoon. Baseball fans took this as a direct affront.

Rain, however, was on his side and forced a postponement of the game. Consequently the President will appear at the twin-billing on Thursday after he speaks at the Statler Hotel to members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.—United Press.

# Wales Beats Ireland 3-2

Belfast, Northern Ireland, Apr. 15.

Wales beat Ireland by three goals to two in their soccer international at Windsor Park here tonight.

In spite of a spirited second half rally by Ireland, who were losing 1-3 at half time, Wales well deserved their victory, outclassing their opponents in every phase of the game.

Main weakness of the Irish team was in defence. Uprichard had a poor game in goal and centre-half Bill Dickson and the backs, McCabe and McMichael, did not achieve a good understanding until it was too late.

Wales scored all their goals in the first half as a result of defensive errors. A desperate Irish rally just failed to bring off a last-minute equaliser.

Inside-right Charles scored two goals for Wales, centre-forward Ford getting the other.

McMorran, centre-forward, got both Ireland's goals.

**AGAINST THE RUN**

Ireland scored first against the run of the play, McMorran heading home a corner by Tully. Ten minutes later, Charles equalised when Uprichard punched out a corner kick to him and in another four minutes he put Wales in front, heading a long cross by Medwin.

Ford scored Wales' third goal from Charles' pass in the 32nd minute.

Ireland showed more dash in the second half, but they could not score until four minutes from the end and Wales held out to win.—Reuter.

# Empire Games Funds Appeal

London, Apr. 15.

A public appeal for £30,000 to send an English team to the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver, Canada, in July next year is to be launched early in 1954 by the Games Appeals Committee.

The cost of sending the British team to the Olympic Games in Helsinki last year was £33,850, of which nearly £16,000 was spent in travel and about £10,000 on accommodation, according to a report issued by the British Olympic Association.

It is hoped to send 80 or 90 competitors to the Vancouver Games which are to be held from July 30 to August 7.—Reuter.

# Home Rugger Results

London, Apr. 15.

Rugby Union results today were:

Cross Keys 6, Swansea 0.

Rugby League results were:

Featherstone Rovers 17, Wakefield 8.

Hull Kingston Rovers 13, Castleford 7.

Doncaster 6, Bailey 4.

Whitehaven 7, Leigh 5.

**INTERNATIONAL**

In the Rugby League International match at Warrington, Wales beat other Nationalities by 18 points to 16.—Reuter.

# Van Donck Goes Round In 64

Moor Park, Hertfordshire, Apr. 15.

Playing magnificent golf Flory Van Donck, Belgium's star professional, returned a brilliant 64 over Moor Park's west course to lead by four strokes in the first round of the £1,350 Silver King 72 holes tournament today. Van Donck's card was only one above the record.

The next best was 68 by Ken Bousfield (Coombe Hill) and Ireland's Harry Bradshaw on the west course and by Ken Redford (Stanmore, London) on the high course.

The field is divided over the two courses for the first two rounds with the 50 leaders going into the final 36 holes on the high course on Friday.

Former British Open Champion Dick Burton did the 170 yards fourth hole in the west course in one while compiling a 70.

Other good first rounds included J. Burton, S. Scott, Allen, J. Panton, P. E. Loxley 69, H. Westman 70.

Eric Brown was disqualified for picking up his ball on the 15th green.

Jimmy Adams scratched. He is still recovering from an attack of fibrositis.—Reuter.

# Bebe Grande Beaten At Newmarket

Newmarket, Apr. 15.

South African owner Jack Gerber's Bebe Grande, generally regarded as the leading two-year-old filly on the British turf in 1952, was beaten here today for the second time in her ten races.

Starting two-to-one on favourite, she finished second, one and a half lengths behind Mr W. B. Bowyer's colt, Propitiation, an outsider on 100-to-seven, in the Column Produce Stakes over one mile.

Bebe Grande, who was ridden by Willy Snaith, was having her first outing of the season. She is a prominent fancy for the 1,000 guineas, the fillies' one-mile classic, at Newmarket on May 1, but may miss this to take on the colts in the 2,000 Guineas on April 29.

Propitiation, ridden by Australian jockey Scobie Breasley, was receiving 12 pounds from Bebe Grande and strode up on the hill at the finish to win comfortably.

Fred Armstrong Bebe Grande's trainer, said after the race that he did not think the filly was disgraced in failing to concede the weight to the winner.

The decision about which classic Bebe Grande would run in would be taken within the next few days, he added.

Later Mr Gerber said Bebe Grande would run against the colts in the 2,000 Guineas and would probably also contest the 1,000 Guineas.

Bookmakers on the course made the filly a six-to-one chance for the 2,000 Guineas.—Reuter.

# AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS ALL FIT

London, Apr. 15.

Lindsay Hassett reported all members of the Australian cricket team fit after today's practice at Lords.

Hassett said the team would practise daily until the first match of the Tour against Worcester on April 29.

Today's practice was held in chilly weather. The soft pitches puzzled several of the Australians. Only Hassett, with two previous English tours behind him, batted confidently.

Lindwall, Miller and Johnston bowled at only half pace. De Courcy was the only batsman to hit the ball with any power.

After practice, several members of the team went to the races at Newmarket.—Reuter.

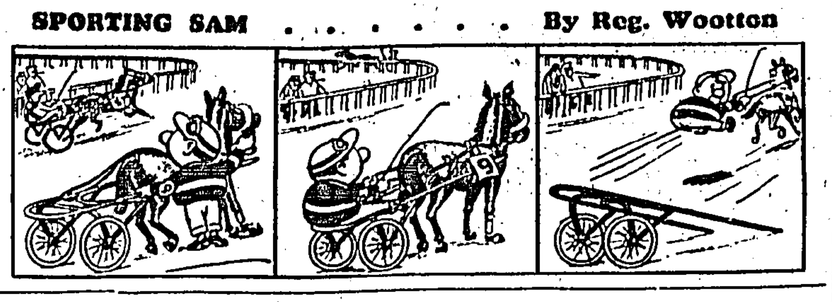
# DR. FREEMAN DECLINES INVITATION

Ann Arbor, Michigan, Apr. 15.

Dr Dave Freeman, 1953 American Badminton Champion and one of the all-time greats of the game, said today that he would like to accept an invitation to play exhibitions in Malaya but that his job would prevent such a trip.

"I would like very much to play in Malaya, which has a great interest in badminton," he said, "but the demands of my profession prevent it. I am now finishing my work in neurosurgery at the University of Michigan and in June I plan to open my own office in San Diego, California." — United Press.

SPORTING SAM . . . . . By Reg. Wootton



★★★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★★★

MICHAEL RUDDY Lifts The Lid Off

# HOLLYWOOD'S MARRIAGE MERRY-GO-ROUND

## Three Marriages And Three Divorces Is Par For The Course In Hollywood

Marriages are made in heaven, it has often been said, and as a corollary, they seem to be unmade in Hollywood.

Judging by the number of stars, movie variety, who have at least three marriages and three divorces to their credit—or should one say, discredit, life in Hollywood has strains and stresses that do not contribute to the success of a marriage.

An authority on marriage and divorce, Dr Paul Popenoe, director of the Institute of Family Relations, thinks that both climate and finance have a lot to do with the marital wrecks that seem to occur more frequently in the film capital.

"It is too easy to drive somewhere in an expensive convertible with blazing sunshine baking a couple. In winter they dash to Palm Springs for sunshine, bake in the desert, instead of staying at home and getting to know each other," Dr Popenoe says.

Looking at the record, it seems that three marriages and three divorces is par for the course in Hollywood.

**RECORD HOLDERS**

There are some outstanding champions in the marital sweepstakes like Arline Judge with six or is it seven marriages—and divorces. But she has long retired from the Hollywood scene, lives merrily on the spoils.

Bandleader, novelist former Hollywoodite Artie Shaw leads the field amongst the males with seven marriages. He seems to have given up his clarinet for a writing career.

In his first novel, "The Trouble With Cinderella," he tries to explain how he was prince charming to so many maidens, some sweet and simple, others movie queens.

His wives include Jane Carns, stenographer; Margaret Allen, nurse; Lana Turner, movie actress; Betty Kern, daughter of songwriter Jerome Kern; Ava Gardner, actress; Kathleen Winsor, novelist, who wrote "Forever Amber," and his present spouse, Doris Dowling, actress.

And when marriages end, what happens? Is there an attempt to try again, to reconcile, to make another effort for the sake of the children?

One so-called happy marriage ended a month or so ago.

After rumours and reports of a split, Anne Baxter and John Hodiak announced their divorce in much the same fashion as you get an invitation to a cocktail party, by a long night telegram, delivered about eight in the morning when the early breezes stir in the orange blossom.

On February 8 last, a blonde, blue-eyed film star noted two important events, her 32nd birthday and her third divorce. Sadness marked both occasions.

For the redhead who began life with the name of Jean Mildred Julia Frances Turner, who travelled from city to city with her teen-age parents, and finally settled in Hollywood when her father died and her mother took a job in a beauty shop to support them both, this girl always dreamed and wanted a happy marriage and children.

A famous name, known wherever movies are shown, Lana Turner has been married three times and divorced three times.

Described by M-G-M Studios where she is under long-term contract (and has been for the past 15 years) as—

*"Unpredictable — exciting — pulse - raising — her French poodle Gee Gee gets a weekly cologne - scented bath — her favourite colour is blue — she also likes broiled steaks, chocolate, chili, pepper, sapphires —drives her all-white Jaguar with the top up — won't write if she can phone — collects records, even Artie Shaw's—she can't thread a needle nor balance a budget," she seems to be just as unpredictable with the men she married or gets engaged to, that is, Hollywood-style.*

Lana's first marriage was to Artie Shaw, above-mentioned as the marital record holder, and they were married on her birthday, 1940.

At the age of 19, she'd had four years' experience in films. Her first acting consisted merely in walking down a street in a small Southern town. She wore a tight sweater and under the guidance of director Mervyn LeRoy, she made a powerful impression.

**KNOWN AS WOLVES**

Hollywood bachelors, later known as wolves, paid their attentions to her.

Her frequent escorts in those early days were Victor Mature, Tony Martin, Turhan Bey and Bob Hutton, all ambitious, career-wise, and dating this glamorous young star helped.

Gay and beautiful, Lana was the cameramen's delight. There were good pictures in Lana and big, dark and handsome Victor Mature who has squired other beauties in his day.

Then Lana, fell in love with a very successful barrister, Gregson Bautzer, a confirmed bachelor.

Several movie stars, like Joan Crawford, Jane Wyman, Rita Hayworth, and Ginger Rogers, have had Greg as a friend and escort over the years.

Charming, courteous, thoughtful, Greg is not the marrying kind. And Lana thought she could land him. It was on her 19th birthday and she and her mother were going to be taken to dinner at Ciro's by Mr Bautzer. At the last moment, he rang asking to be excused, saying he was ill,—flu, something.

Lana exploded, told him what she thought of him and his illness. A few minutes later, the phone rang. Still angry, almost weeping with rage and disappointment, Lana answered.

It was Artie Shaw, just calling to wish her a happy birthday. When he learned that she had been "stood up," he so smoothly suggested that she should celebrate with him.

Lana knew the clarinet-player with the line, pleasant and beguiling. They had met when he filmed "Dancing Co-Ed" the year before and there had been no meeting of the minds.

**POETRY DISCUSSION**

An intellectual snob, Artie was poetic in his suggestion that they drive to some little place near Malibu. It was full moon that night and after an hour of discussing poetry, the arts, and the ideal life, he wound up with a proposal—marriage, a home.

It worked. Blinded by stardust and perhaps also to show that Greg Bautzer, Lana melted into his arms and accepted.

The starry-eyed Lana soon changed, but not quite the way Artie wanted. The Shaw plan has been the same through his six marriages.

He wanted Lana to be the perfect everything, housewife, cook, lover, companion and philosopher.

There were four flaws in the pattern. Lana dislikes cooking, hates housework, is an unpredictable companion and is bored with philosophy. After six months, she'd had it.

One of the likes not mentioned in her studio-publicity vignette is Men.

"I like men," she once told me during an interview. "Prefer them to women." Then she hummed, "It's nice to have a man about the house."

Thus when a man she didn't remember came over to her table at Ciro's one night in the spring of '42 and said, "I'm Stephen Crane. We met at Merv's party, remember?"

Although she didn't, Lana invited him to join her party. They danced, and danced so well together that others cleared the floor and they exhibited perfect style.

Again Lana fell in love, and after a short, shrill courtship, they were married. Again Lana was disillusioned.

There was unfortunately another Mrs Crane from whom he was separated but not divorced. Husband No. 2. tried to explain to Lana that he honestly believed he'd been divorced.

Also Lana soon discovered that instead of being an heir to a tobacco fortune, Steve Crane was a fortune-hunter.

Then another painful discovery. She found she was going to have a baby. Steve got a divorce and they rushed to Tiajuana, the gambling and quick marriage resort just across the border, and re-married.

Soon after Cheryl Christian Crane was born on July 25, 1943, Lana got her divorce from Steve Crane.

Next into Lana's life stepped Tyrone Power, a highly-publicised romance which didn't last long.

**THE INEVITABLE**

The inevitable happened. Bob Topping, nationally-known playboy, heir to a tremendous tinplate fortune, thrice-married, was parting from his third wife, Arline Judge.

Turner and Topping met in New York. They went to a premiere together and on the way back to her hotel, he gave her a pair of diamond ear-rings, then asked her to spend a week-end at the Topping estate, to meet his family.

Too much has been written about the Turner - Topping divorce for me to rehash it here. Lana tried desperately to combine career and marriage. They tried to turn a $100,000 Belair mansion into a love-nest. They didn't succeed. Reports of rifts in the Topping lute became frequent, and finally Topping left on a hunting trip, and didn't return.

On the rebound, Lana was teamed professionally and romantically with tall, dark, handsome Argentinian Fernando Lamas in "The Merry Widow." Probably the romance began to publicise the movie. Quickly it became serious and both were asked when they were setting the date. As neither was divorced then, they couldn't set a date.

Suddenly this romance ended, in a violent quarrel over the way Lana danced coolly with Lex Barker. Fernando was out.

And who's the man in Lana's life this month? Lex "Tarzan" Barker.

Will he be husband No. 4? Your guess is as good as mine.

# NEWMARKET PROBABLES

London, Apr. 15.

Mr Winston Churchill's colt, Gibraltar III, is among the 12 probable starters for the three-year-old Free Handicap, to be run over seven furlongs at 1500 GMT at Newmarket on Thursday.

Runners, with jockeys, are: Happy Laughter, W. Rickaby, Blackshore, F. Barlow, Blood Test, Gordon Richards, Good Brandy, D. Smith; King's Mistake, K. Gethin, North Light, E. Smith, Vilmorny, W. Snaith, Queen's Flight, E. Britt, Radar Red, T. Carter, Queen Bench, E. Mercer, Sunset, J. Sirett; and Gibraltar III, R. Reader.

**CITY & SUBURBAN**

First and final acceptors for the City and Suburban Handicap to be run over ten furlongs at Epsom on Wednesday, April 22, were published here today.

They are with weights: High Principle and Fastnet Rock 9 stone 7 pounds, Sunny Brae and Chavey Lown 9/4, Monarch More 9/3, Osborne and Dumremont 9/2, Speechmaker 9/1, Running Water 8/12, Caerlaverock 8/10, Longstone 8/9, Demonstrate, Magic Circle and Argol all 7 stone 12 pounds, Solar Ray 7/9 and Coats Guard 7/6.—Reuter.

# Archers' Orders

The following qualified members of HKAC will officiate this week-end in the capacities of Field Range Captains, Instructors and scorers.

**Saturday**

Duty Range Captain.—Dennis Field.

**Sunday**

Duty Range Captain.—Ken Vivan; Asst. Duty Range Captain, Joseph Wei; Lady Range Captain, Jean Vivian; Asst. Lady Range Captain, Leung Po-chun; Junior Range Captain, Henry Wong.

Score Classification.—Scotty Wilson, Alice Oei, Yvonne Oei, Ken Vivian.

Archery Instructors.—Babe Arculli, C.L. Chow, M. Grosset, Bonnie Vosper, George Williston (Juniors).

# Royal Hongkong Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 15, Orders Issued By Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force, dated April 14, 1953.

**FORCE ORDERS**

**Queen's Birthday Parade, Tuesday, April 21.** 1. All Units of the Force, including The Home Guard and the three Women's Services, will muster as strong as possible for the above parade. 2. Commander B.J.B. Morahan VRD, HKRNVR, will command the combined R.H.K.D.F. Contingent on this parade. 3. All ranks of all Services of R.H.K.D.F. will rendezvous under their own arrangements at HOLT'S WHARF, KOWLOON, by 8.30 a.m. April 21, 1953 where they will report to the Commander of their appropriate Unit detachment as under:—H.K.R.N.V.R. —Lt-Comdr. L. D. Kilbee, VRD, HKRNVR. H.K. Regiment—Major H.A. de B. Botelho, MBE, ED. H.K.A.A.F.—F/Lt. P.E.L. Larsen. Artillery Bty.—Major K.M.A. Barnett, ED. Recce Platoon—Captain S.A. Fowler. Home Guard—Major J.C.M. Grenham, VRD. H.K.W.N.V.R. — 2nd Officer I. Wallace-Turner. H.K.W.A.A.C.—Captain E. Holmes-Brown H.K.W.A.A.F.—Fg/Off. M.M. Eardley. 4. Free water transport will be provided for all R.H.K.D.F. personnel who desire to avail themselves of this leaving BLAKE'S repeat BLAKE'S PIER at 8.10 a.m. April 21, 1953 for HOLT'S WHARF, and returning from HOLT'S WHARF to BLAKE'S Pier after the parade. 5. The Band of the Hong Kong Police Force will lead the R.H.K.D.F Contingent on parade and should report to Commander B.J.B. Morahan, VRD, HKRNVR, at HOLT'S Wharf by 8.30 a.m. on April 21, 1953.

6. Dress (a) HKRNVR—as ordered by CO HKRNVR. (b) Force HQ Units—Officers:—O.G. Jackets worn outside the shorts, Sports, brown boots puttees, hosetops, SD caps, web belts and Medals. Other Ranks:—O.G. Jackets worn outside the shorts, shorts, black boots puttees, hosetops, web belts, black berets and medals. (c) Hong Kong Regiment. (d) Home Guard. (e) H.K.R.N.V.R., (f) H.K.W.A.A.C., (g) H.K.W.A.A.F., & (h) H.K.A.A.F. —as ordered by unit commanders. 7. Numbers Officers Commanding all Units will report their anticipated numbers on parade to Admin Officer R.H.K.D.F. by 12 noon on Monday, April 20, 1953, without fail. (These numbers are required in order that the required number of refreshments which will be issued at HOLT'S Wharf after the parade to all personnel taking part may be ordered in advance). 8. Arms will be carried on parade by all units except Artillery Battery, and the Women's Services.

Owing to the length of the march it will be necessary to "change arms" once or more during the march and Officers Commanding armed units will practise this movement under unit arrangements prior to the parade. The parade will march past in column of sixes and unit commanders will practise marching in this formation prior to the parade with special reference to correct dressing (by the right) when marching in column of sixes, and correct position of the head (and arm at the salute in the case of Officers) during the march past. 9 Fly-past. Three Spitfire aircraft of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force will take part in the Queen's Birthday Parade Fly-past of the Royal Air Force. Separate instructions concerning the HKAAF Fly-past will be issued to all concerned. 10. Arms. Admin Officer R.H.K.D.F. will arrange for the necessary arms for the parade to be taken direct HOLT'S Wharf in sufficient time for them to be issued to personnel taking part in the parade from 8 a.m. onwards on Tuesday, April 21, 1953. 11. Spectators. (a) The limited number of reserved seats issued to RHKDF have been issued separately. (b) The wives, relations, and guests of all members of the Royal Hong Kong Defence Force are cordially invited to attend the parade as spectators. (c) Spectators enclosures are as follows:—(i) Wives of RHKDF Officers and their guests. One enclosure on the WEST of the saluting dais and one on the EAST of the Special ticket holders' (VIP) enclosure. (ii) Wives and families of RHKDF Ratings and Other Ranks and their guests. One enclosure on the WEST of the above Officers' enclosure beyond the saluting dais and one enclosure in the shorts, shorts, black boots WHITFIELD Barracks, NATHAN Road giving a view of the marching column only. (iii) Any members of the United Services Recreation Club (U.S.R.C.) who may care, as an alternative to the above, to watch the parade from the U.S.R.C. lawn immediately opposite the Saluting Dais. (d) All spectators are particularly requested to be in their seats by 9.15 a.m. (e) Dress for RHKDF Officers and Rating/Other Rank Spectators (i) HKRNVR—Officers and Ratings as ordered by CO HKRNVR. (ii) Military units—Officers, Khaki Drill with Sam Browne belt and medals OR Olive Green uniform without medals. Other Ranks, Olive Green Uniform without medals. (iii) HKAAF Officers Khaki Drill jacket and trousers, medal ribbons, no medals. Other Ranks, ditto.

**Holiday.** Headquarters RHKDF Happy Valley will be closed on Tuesday, April 21, 1953.

**Audit Board.** An audit board composed as under will assemble at the Adm Off Office at RHKDF HQ on Monday, April 27, 1953 at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of auditing such accounts as may be presented: —President — Major P.N. Slater, HKR. Members:—An officer to be detailed by CO HKRNVR. An officer to be detailed by CO HKAAF.

**FORCE HEADQUARTERS**

Int Unit HQ Pl: Parade HQ RHKDF Wednesday, April 22, 1953 at 5.30 p.m. Lecture. Dress—Plain clothes. Recce Pl: Two day Field Day. Parade Murray Parade Ground 5.30 p.m. sharp on Friday, April 24, 1953. Dress—As detailed.

**Artillery Battery.** Fd Gunnery Tp. Training Day. Parade HQ RHKDF on Thursday, April 23, 1953 at 8 a.m. Tpt will leave MPG at 7.30 a.m. Dress—Uniform. O.G. C & R Tp. Parade HQ RHKDF Happy Valley 5.30 p.m. Monday, April 20, 1953. Troop—Overalls—Weapon Training. Field Day. Parade MPG Thursday, April 23, 1953 at 12 noon. Troop—Uniform—Field Day.

**HONGKONG REGIMENT**

Duties (a) Orderly Officer of the Week—Lt D.H. Jordan. Next for duty—Lt R. Oblitas. (b) Orderly Sergeant of the Week—Sgt R.C. Chapman. Next for duty—Sgt I.J. Danilevitch.

**Queen's Birthday Parade April 21, 1953.** All ranks will parade at 8.30 a.m. Holts Wharf, Kowloon Tuesday April 21, 1953. Dress:—Officers OG Jackets and shorts, web belt, blue beret, brown boots, hosetops, puttees & medals. OR:—OG Jackets and short, web belt, blue beret, black boots, hosetops, puttees, medals, rifle bayonet frog & rifle sling. WO's & C/Sgts & Sgts will wear red sash. Turnout:—OG will be clean, starched, and well pressed. Web belt, rifle sling & bayonet frogs will be freshly blancoed. All brass will be highly polished. Boots will be highly polished. Guides:—Guides will be at WD Car Park Kowloon to direct those who are not sure of the location of Holts Wharf. Transport:—Free transport to Holts Wharf will leave Blake Pier at 8.10 a.m. Personnel wishing to cross by Star Ferry May do so. Note: (1) It is point out that the march past will be in sixes and that the order to "Change Arm" will be given several times, owing to the distance the parade will be marching (approx 3 miles). Therefore all ranks the Hongkong Regiment MUST Parade on the Rehearsal on Monday April 20, 1953 in order to practise the "Change Arms" and to practise marching in sixes. (2) A large percentage of the population of Hongkong will be watching the parade and it is essential that the Regt's performance is first class both in drill, turnout and numbers on parade. (3) Rehearsal For Queen's Birthday Parade. All ranks will parade at 5.15 a.m. MPG Monday April 20 for HQ. Dress OG Jackets & Shorts (second best) boots (Second best) web belt, rifle sling & bayonet frogs, hosetops & puttees. Change of Dress—Summer dress will be worn wef Monday April 13, 1953.

**Training.** Special Service Pl—Wednesday, Bayonet. Exercise on "Patrols". 3.5" Rocket Launcher. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress:—Overalls, belts, beret. Asit Par Pl & HQ Coy HQ—Fd day—Monday. As ordered. Def Pl MT—Fd day—Wednesday. As ordered. No other training will take place during this week.

**H.K. AUXILIARY AIR FORCE**

**Discipline—Dress.** With effect from the date of this order, summer dress will be worn by all members of the HKAAF

**Discipline—Parades.** The HKAAF will now take part in the fly past for the Queen's Birthday Parade in addition to the marching contingent. Section Commanders are to amend HKAAF/2603/3 Pt1 dated April 10, 1953, to read: OC HKAAF—F/Lt J. Larsen, AFC. Adjutant—F/O S.G. Smith, & W/O Sgt P.F. White. OC No. 1 Sqdn.—P/O Warne. Adjutant—A/P/O Rozario, & NCO—Sgt Souza. OC No. 2 Sqdn.—P/O Labrum. Adjutant—A/P/O Scaife, & NCO—Sgt Beanforth. All other officers and NCO's are to parade as supernumeraries divided equally between the two Squadrons. The marching column will form up at 9 a.m. to the South of the junction of Mody Road and Chatham Road. Personnel are to acquaint themselves with detailed arrangements for transport etc., published in R.H.K.D.F. Orders.

**Dress Officers—S.D.** Cap. Bush Jacket, K.D. Shorts, Khaki Stockings & Black Shoes. Airmen—Beret, Bush Jacket. K.D. Shorts, Khaki Stockings, Black Shoes, and Waist Belt. The HKWAAF under the command of F/O Eardley will form up with the RHKDF Women's Services

**Discipline—Applications.** All personnel are reminded of the Service procedure to be observed when making applications. All applications are to be made in the first instance to Section Commanders, who will append recommendations and forward to the Adjutant.

**Cancellation Of Trade Training—Radar Operators 'A' Watch.** The full day's training on April 21, 1953 has been changed to April 20, 1953 in view of the Queen's Birthday Parade.

**Trade Training.—Aircraft Servicing Flight.** The weekly training period for the Aircraft Servicing Flight will be held on Thursday w.e.f April 23, 1953

**Training—No. 2 Depot Training Course.** No. 2 Depot Training course will assemble at HQ Happy Valley about May 18, 1953. 20 vacancies have yet to be filled. Section Commanders are to call for volunteers, or the recommend personnel whom they consider required such training. Returns are to reach the Adjutant by April 24, 1953.

**Appointments—Sgts Mess Committee.** F/Sgt Ribeiro, C.A.J.V. is appointed a Committee Member of the Sergeants Mess.

**Training — Fighter Controllers Course.** No. 2 Fighter Controllers' Course will assemble towards the end of May 1953. A minimum of 8 candidates are required. Whilst personnel of the Fighter Control Squadron will receive priority of selection, others interested may apply for consideration. All applications are to be made via Section Commanders to F/O C.G. Smith—c/o HQ Happy Valley, who will make recommendations to the Adjutant. A Selection Board will assemble at Happy Valley at 2.15 p.m. on Monday April 27, 1953. President—S/Ldr Barrand, RAF. Members—S/Ldr Stevens, RAF, & F/Lt Hall, RAF.

**Trade Training.** Clerks P.A. Thursday April 23 HQ RHKDF—9 a.m.—Full Day Training. Transport leaves Star Ferry at 8.45 a.m. Clerks GD Friday, April 24 — HQ RHKDF 9 a.m.—Full Day Training. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 8.45 a.m. Police Course. Friday April 24—RAF Kai Tak 9 a.m.—Full Day Training. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.30 a.m. Nursing Orderlies. Thursday April 23—33rd General Hospital—9 a.m.—Full Day Training. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m.

**Fighter Plotters.** Thursday April 23—'B' Watch—S.O.R.—9.00 a.m.—Half Day Training. Thursday April 23—'A' & 'B' Watches—Radar Station —5.30 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Wireless Operators. Wednesday April 22—HQ RHKDF—5.45 a.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. M.T. Section: Sunday April 26—RAF Kai Tak 9.00 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Equipment Section. Wednesday April 22—HKAAF Hangar—9.00 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 p.m. A.T.C. Section. Friday April 24—Link Trainer RAF Kai Tak—5.00 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 p.m. Radar Operators, Thursday April 23—'B' Watch—S.O.R. —8.00 a.m. Full Day Training. Assemble Murray Parade Ground at 8.00 a.m. and march to S.O.R. Friday April 24—A B C Watches HQ RHKDF—5.30 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Photographers. Wednesday April 22 —RAF Kai Tak 9.00 a.m.—Full Day Training. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m. Friday April 24—RAF Kai Tak 9.00 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road 8.45 p.m. Groundcrew. Thursday April 23—'A' & 'B' Flights—HKAAF Hangar—5.00 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 p.m. Saturday April 25—'A' Flight—HKAAF Hangar —2.00 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday April 26—'B' Flight—HKAAF Hangar—9.00 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m.

**Flying Programme.** Thursday April 23—HQ RHKDF—5.00 p.m.—A & B Flight Aircrew—Ground lecture. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.45 p.m. Saturday April 25—'A' Flight Aircrew—HKAAF Hangar—2.00 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday April 26—'B' Flight Aircrew—HKAAF Hangar—9.0 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.45 a.m.

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# St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Commissioner D. W. MacIntosh, CMG, OBE., Knight of Grace, Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem, Commissioner of St John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District Order No. 10/53, dated April 10, 1953.

**Ambulance Duties — Hongkong.**—19.4.53-25.4.53, Confucian Division; 20.4.53-2.5.53, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Division. April 1953—King's College Nursing Division; May 1953—Man Shuen Nursing Division.

**Ambulance Duties — Kowloon.**—20.4.53-26.4.53, Shamshuipo Division; 27.4.53-3.5.53, Kowloon Division. April 1953—Kowloon Y.M.C.A. Nursing Division; May 1953—Shamshuipo Nursing Division.

**Penetration Squad Duties.**—19.4.53, Dr L. S. Shin, Dentist I. C. Tseng and Chung Sing Nursing Div.; 20.4.53, Dr S. H. Sung, Dentist Yep Jim Hwee and Chung Sing Nursing Div.

**Race Duties.**—18.4.53, 1 p.m., Shaukiwan Division (Course); Sih Nan Division (HQ); 2.5.53, 1 p.m., Eastern Division (Course), Wanchai "B" Division (HQ).

**Street Sleepers' Shelter Duties.**—April 1953 — H.K.Y.M.C.A. Nursing Division.

**Football Duties.** — 18.4.53, 6 p.m., Navy, Kennedy Town Div.; 18.4.53, 3 p.m., Club, Central Div.; 19.4.53, 5.30 p.m., Club, Shaukiwan K.F. Div.; 21.4.53, 6 p.m., Club, Wanchai "D" Div.; 22.4.53, 6 p.m., Club, Sih Nan Div.; 23.4.53, 5 p.m., Club, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Div.; 26.4.53, 5 p.m., Club, K.C.O.B. Div.; 29.4.53, 6 p.m., Club, Causeway Bay Div.

**Resignation.**—Sleeman Cadet Amb. Div. Cdt Cpl Wong Pin-sum, Cdt L/C Wong Kam-cheung and Cdts Anthony So, Lau Sik-huen, Tang Chi-ming, resigned w.e.f. 24.3.53. Kowloon Amb. Div. Pte Tam Kwong Sun resigned w.e.f. 1.4.53.

**Resign from the post of Hon. Sergt. & Div. Sec. — Kowloon Amb. Div.** Pte Shek Kwok-kim resigned from the post of Hon. Sergeant & Div. Secretary w.e.f. 2.4.53.

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## NOTICE

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 13th Race Meeting 1952/53 to be held on Saturday 2nd and Saturday 9th May, 1953, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Monday 20th April, 1953.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

# THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

TWELFTH RACE MEETING 1952/53.

**Saturday, 18th April, 1953.**

**(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)**

The programme will consist of 10 races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—$20.00) also tickets at $2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 17th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

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Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at $10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Compradore Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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| "FENGTIEN" | Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe | 8 a.m. 29th Apr. |
| "YOCHOW" | Singapore, Penang & Belawan | 10 a.m. 30th Apr. |
| "SHENGKING" | Keelung | 5 p.m. 30th Apr.* |

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| "POYANG" | Singapore | 22nd Apr. |
| "FENGNING" | Kobe | 24th Apr. |
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| "CHANGSHA" | Australia & Manila | 7 a.m. 18th Apr. |
| "CHANGSHA" | Yokohama | 8th May |
| "TAIPING" | Australia & Manila | 23rd May |

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| "PERSEUS" | Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow | 6th May |
| "ASTYANAX" | Liverpool & Glasgow | 14th May |
| "AENEAS" | Dublin & Liverpool | 24th May |
| "ASCANIUS" | Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg | 25th May |

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| G. "AENEAS" | do | — | 4th May |
| S. "ASCANIUS" | do | — | 8th May |
| G. "PYRRHUS" | do | Sailed | 15th May |
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| G. "CALCHAS" | 24th Apr. | — | 29th May |
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| "BENVORLICH" | U.K. | on or abt. 30th Apr. |
| "BENAVON" | Japan | " 4th May |
| "BENVENUE" | U.K. | " 14th May |
| "BENREOCH" | U.K. via Singapore | " 19th May |
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| §"BENVORLICH" | Singapore, London, Rotterdam and Hamburg. | 3rd May |
| "BENAVON" | Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London, Antwerp and Hull | 5th May |
| §"BENVENUE" | Liverpool, Rotterdam and Hamburg. | 18th May |
| "BENWYVIS" | Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, Liverpool, Dublin and Antwerp. | 24th May |
| "BENREOCH" | Kure, Kobe and Yokohama. | 23rd May |
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Hongkong, 13th April, 1953.

# Controversy Over Korea Ammunition Shortage Continues

Washington, Apr. 15.

The Army's top budget officer said today that the Korean ammunition shortages could be laid to a 1950 order by the former Defence Secretary, General Marshall, who based military spending on the assumption that the war would be over in a year.

**Lieut-General George Decker, Army Comptroller, told the Senate Armed Services Sub-Committee that General Marshall had instructed the military authorities to budget on the basis that the Korean conflict would end by June 30, 1951.**

Under questioning by Senator Harry Byrd, General Decker said that this order could explain why the Army did not move more quickly to step up ammunition for Korea.

The former Army Secretary, Mr. Frank Pace, Jnr., had testified previously that the Army did nothing about the ammunition situation early in the war because General Douglas MacArthur, then U.N. Commander, believed that the war would be concluded in six months.

General Decker said the Marshall directive remained in effect until January 1951, after the Chinese Communists intervened.

General Decker, the first witness as the sub-Committee resumed hearings on the ammunition shortage, said that so far as he knew the Joint Chiefs of Staff were not consulted on the Marshall budget directive.

Senator Byrd said that was "most astonishing". The Senator said the directive might be responsible not only for the Korean ammunition shortage but also for aircraft shortages.

He said the Marshall order was "almost a directive not to prepare" for war.

General Decker had testified earlier that funds for ammunition were provided "too late" to ward off shortages in Korea. He stressed the long time after contracts before actual delivery starts. He said this was 18 months in the case of ammunition.

General Decker testified that each annual military budget since the Korean fighting started had been submitted on the basis of the conflict ending on June 30 of the following year—the last day of the fiscal year.

General Decker said that system was changed this fiscal year by Mr Charles Wilson, new Defence Secretary, for the fiscal year starting July 1. He said the Congress had given the Army "practically everything we asked" since the start of the Korean war; but, he added, if more ammunition funds had been available earlier in the 1950-51 fiscal year, the shortage might have been averted.—United Press.

## Treason Charge

Karlsruhe, Apr. 15.

Dr Harold Freidanck, German, former manager of the British Information Centre at Kiel, is to be tried on a charge of treason on May 12, the West German Federal Court announced here today.

The announcement said Freidanck was accused of having supplied an Eastern espionage source with information, especially about the British occupation forces. He and sports journalist Ernest Peter Fruhm, accused with him, were arrested in August last year.—Reuter.


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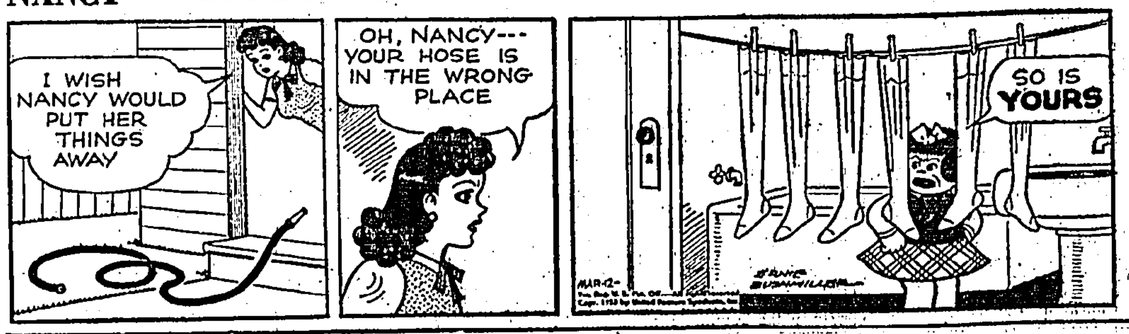



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## Public Prosecutor's Admission

Athens, Apr. 15.

The Salonika Public Prosecutor confirmed today that a Greek sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity in the slaying of American newsman George Polk in 1948, is not being held in gaol.

Special service reasons made it necessary for the man, Gregory Staktopoulos, to be confined at the Security Police headquarters, he said.

The case has been under consideration for a very long time, and will soon be settled, he said.

Earlier today the Minister of Justice, Dimitrios Badacos, refused to confirm or deny a Greek newspaper report that the Greek was not being held in gaol.

The Athens newspaper Apoyevmatini had reported that Staktopoulos, sentenced in 1949, was living in Greek Security Police headquarters in Salonika and was being accorded "special treatment" by the police.

Badacos told The Associated Press tonight that in some cases a prisoner can temporarily be confined in a place other than a gaol.

"This does not constitute privileged treatment," he said, "but is in each instance due to special reasons which the Public Prosecutor alone decides.

"The prosecutor has under the law the supervision of prisoners during their confinement," he concluded.

Earlier, George Melas, who was Minister of Justice when Staktopoulos was sentenced, expressed "amazement" at the newspaper report.

"This is a real surprise and I am amazed that he is not in gaol," Melas said.—Associated Press.

# Japanese Goods For Colonies

## Higher Consumption Is Planned

Singapore, Apr. 15.

Britain is planning to increase consumption of Japanese goods in order to assist Japan in maintaining the present level of purchases from the sterling area, the Straits Times reported to-day.

Discussions in Tokyo at the request of the Japanese Government on payments between Japan and the sterling area have ended in an agreement on limited relaxation of sterling restrictions on Japanese imports, the Times said.

According to the paper, the Colonial Office has informed the Malayan and Singapore Governments—or will shortly—that more generous treatment is now recommended for Japanese goods. The ultimate object is to assist Japan to maintain her own purchases from the sterling area at their present level. Japan's holdings of sterling have dropped considerably in the past eight months.

The American procurement programme stemming from the Korean War has given Japan a larger dollar than sterling holding, the paper said. It added that Japan recently has been running an adverse balance in her international trade of nearly $33,000,000 per month, chiefly owing to the failure of the textile industry to recapture its old importance.

Since 1951, textile exports have shown a 30 per cent drop in volume and an even bigger fall in value.

Meanwhile, the Times reported, the vigorous Japanese shipping programme is attracting attention.

Immediate plans call for building up the merchant fleet to 4,000,000 tons by 1957 by which time Japanese ships will be carrying 50 per cent of all imported goods.

About half a million tons of new Japanese shipping were added last year and a similar tonnage will be built this year, according to the reported Japanese plans.

The Times said the lack of fast freighters so far has affected the Japanese services on all runs and especially to Europe, Australia and New York. The Times summed up: "The coming bid for a better share in these services sounds like the first determined attempt of the Japanese shipowners to get their flag back on world routes."—United Press.

# QUIET DAY IN COTTON MARKET

New York, Apr. 15.

Cotton trading today again proved to be an extremely tame affair. In slow dealings, prices see-sawed within a seven-point range and manage to keep about the previous close most of the day.

The market opened up 1 to 5 points. Leading spot interests showed continued willingness to buy May at a discount of 21 points under July but succeeded in completing only a small amount of transfers on that basis.

Expectation of a belated rush of producers to impound cotton under the Government loan before the privilege expires on April 30 has been restraining influence over sellers.

Market observers felt that enough cotton might be tied up in loans to tighten the "free" supply picture before too long especially if the hoped-for export demand materialises.

The Commodity Credit Corporation reported that loan impoundings for the week ended April 10 totalled 31,790 bales. Withdrawals amounted to 18,098 bales. Net stock of 1952 crop cotton in Government hands was 1,028,312 bales.

The mid-morning selling in October was called surprising by some traders who emphasised that the Government may call for acreage allotments and marketing quotas of next year's crop. The Agriculture Secretary, Mr. Benson, today urged that preliminary work looking toward that end be started immediately.—United Press.

## Gold Production

Toronto, Apr. 15.

The value of gold and silver produced in Ontario during February declined slightly from February of last year, the Provincial Mine Department announced today. A total of 38 mines produced 6,825,455 worth of gold and silver in February compared with 7,030,020 worth produced by 40 mines in February 1952.—United Press.

# Export Of Goods To Red China

## BRITAIN LOSES ORDER TO GERMAN FIRM

**Viscount Stansgate, a Labour Peer, declared in the House of Lords that a £500,000 chemicals order for abroad went to a West German firm after the Board of Trade had forbidden the British chemical industry to execute the order.**

Another Opposition Peer, Lord Ogmore, also questioned the Government about a £500,000 order for tinplate for China on which he suggested a decision was still awaited.

**These observations followed questions on the embargo on the export of goods of strategic value to China.**

Viscount Elibank asked the Government whether, having regard to the importance of the Chinese market to British trade and commerce, the embargo list was under constant review, and whether, if instances were brought to their notice in which it was suggested that items which were not "of substantial military or strategical importance" were included in the embargo list, or which might be entering China from other sources, they would give consideration to the elimination of such items from the list.

Lord Mancroft replied that while the Government shared his views as to the potential importance of the Chinese market to British trade and commerce, they were obliged, in accordance with the United Nations resolution of May 18, 1951, to take all possible steps to prevent the export to China of any goods which would be of military and strategic importance to the Chinese forces in Korea.

"The Government have kept strictly to the terms of the resolution, and their published embargo list is constantly under review. The Government will be prepared to consider, in consultation with other nations, the addition or deletion of any item if strategic considerations warrant such action."

Lord Elibank asked if the Government would be prepared to take steps to set up a committee either to assist the Board of Trade Export Licences Department in its very difficult task, or constitute an appeal court for British industry which felt it was not getting satisfaction under the export licences scheme.

**"LESS SCRUPULOUS"**

Lord Mancroft did not reply but Lord Stansgate asked if it was not a fact that an order for chemicals, worth a very large sum, was offered to the British chemical industry, that the industry was forbidden to send the goods abroad by the Board of Trade, and that it was taken up by a German firm.

Lord Mancroft—I am aware of the case in point. The Red Cross may not operate in China and are not in a position to send supplies. A limited quantity is allowed to be sent through normal commercial channels for essential civilian purposes. I think many other countries do not carry out their part of the bargain with the same scrupulous accuracy as we observe, which is a large part of the trouble."

Lord Stansgate said the order was worth £500,000, and was taken up by West German manufacturers.

Lord Ogmore — Have the Government arrived at any decision with reference to the order for 10,000 tons of tinplate by China? That is worth something in the order of £500,000.

**ASSURANCE ASKED**

Lord Mancroft said that if Lord Ogmore would put a specific question on the Order Paper he would do his best to answer it.

Lord Stansgate asked for an assurance that the Government were doing their best to get fair play for the British contractors. He asked for a further assurance that the Government were making an effort to get other countries to work in line with us.

Lord Ogmore—May we also know whether it is true, as reported, that the United States are supplying China, through Japan, with goods we are not allowed to supply?

Lord Salisbury observed that the supplementary questions were getting out of the scope of the original question. He asked that further questions should be put down.

The discussion concluded.

# Declining Exports Of Cotton

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry, concerned at the renewed decline in cotton-textile shipments, is preparing to survey conditions within the industry with a view to shaping a new policy of ensuring adequate supplies of raw cotton and reducing prices.

The chief of the Ministry's Textile Bureau stated that, with the cost of raw cotton standing at 58,000 yen (£57 10s) per bale, and the cost of processing at about 15,000 yen per bale, the wholesale price should be 73,000 yen.

In fact, however, prevailing prices have recently been about 80,000 yen.

Mr Tokunaga added: "It should be emphasised that, so far as any plan developed by the Ministry is concerned, price is a secondary consideration. Our primary objective is to secure steady and adequate supplies of raw cotton. To the extent that prices affect the attainment of that objective the factor will be considered."

Turning to future prospects, Mr Tokunaga said he considered that a proper and reasonable export target for Japan's cotton industry at this time was a thousand million square yards annually — the figure attained in 1951 and slightly below estimates tabled at the Buxton conference.

This target (which Japan failed to achieve last year by a margin of 250 million square yards) "represents the volume of overseas shipments needed to keep Japan's cotton-textile industry going."

# The Rubber Markets

London, Apr. 15.

The rubber market was steady today. Prices closed as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in pence

| | |
|---|---|
| per lb. | 20¼-½ |
| May | 20½-⅝ |
| June | 20¼-⅜ |
| July/September | 20¼-⅜ |
| October/December | 20⅛-¼ |
| January/March | 20-20⅛ |

—United Press.

**NEW YORK MARKET**

New York, Apr. 15.

Prices of Number 1 standard rubber futures today closed 25 to 40 points higher with sales of 68 contracts.

Number 3 closed nominally 30 points higher with no sales reported.

Futures firmed with higher cables but demand in the spot market ebbed following a fair-sized business in the forenoon to dealers and consumers.

Prices closed as follows:—

Number 1 standard

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| May | 24.21 | |
| July | 24.20 | |
| September | - | |
| December | 23.85 | bid |
| March | 23.75 | nominal |
| May | 23.65 | " |

No. 3 standard

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| May | 21.95 | nominal |
| July | 21.85 | " |
| September | 21.75 | " |
| December | 21.65 | " |
| March | 21.65 | " |

—United Press.

## JAPANESE BONDS

London, Apr. 15.

Japanese bonds

| | |
|---|---|
| "A" (4s. of 1899) | 83¾ |
| "B" (4s. of 1910) | 72 |
| "C" (5s. of 1907) | 127½ |
| "D" (5s. of 1924) | 103 |
| "E" (5½s. of 1930) | 147 |
| Consols | 60-5/16 |

—United Press.

## Pepper Market

New York, Apr. 15.

The pepper market ruled extremely quiet today with both buyers and sellers marking time.

Spot material was quoted up to $1.44 a pound. Afloats were indicated at around $1.43. April shipment was quoted at $1.42 and May $1.41 a pound, all on an ex-dock basis.—United Press.

## New York Metals

New York, Apr. 15.

Prices in the metal market closed unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Tin, grade A (99.80 per cent or higher) New York, per lb. 98.50 cents.

Lead, common, New York, per lb. 12.50 cents. — United Press.

## Shell Contract For Japan

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

The Japan Machinery Export Company said today it had signed a contract with the Thailand Defence Ministry to export about US$450,000 worth of tank gun shells.

The company is to provide 50,000 rounds of shells of various calibres for tank guns left in Thailand by Japanese forces after the war.

The shells will be made by the Japan Steel Works.—Reuter.

# Britain's Cotton Industry

London, Apr. 15.

The future of the British cotton industry lies with fewer but better machines more economically worked and with a more deliberate selling policy in place of catch-as-catch-can sales methods.

This view was expressed by Sir Raymond Street, chairman of the British Cotton Board, in an article on the past achievements and future prospects of Lancashire's cotton industry.

Writing in a special issue of the Manchester Guardian to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the raising of Manchester—the centre of the British cotton industry—to the status of a City, Sir Raymond admitted that his prescription for the industry was not everywhere accepted in Lancashire.

He was convinced, however, that modern plant and better selling methods were the keys to prosperity and stable employment, and he had considerable confidence in Lancashire's ability to develop on these lines.

"We are well organised," he went on. "No industry is better placed in that regard or from the standpoint of relations between the different interests involved. Manchester may not be so predominantly Cottonopolis as it was, but my grandson, born in 1951, will find in the 21st Century that textiles, even if not always made of the natural cotton fibre, will still be a main prop to the city's economy.

# Italy Builds Ships For Indonesia

Trieste, Apr. 16.

Mrs Bukardjo Wirjopranoto, wife of the Indonesian Minister to Italy, today christened four coastal motor ships here for the Indonesian Government.

The vessels were the 425-ton Nakuha and the Inis, Intata and Ilosangi, of 250 tons each.

The Nakuha, 49 metres long and with a beam of 9.40 metres, will carry 200 cabin and deck passengers.

The other vessels, 45.00 metres long with a beam of 7.50 metres, will carry 100 deck passengers each.

Two similar ships will be launched next month, a sister ship of the Nakuha, the Najra, was launched here last February.

All are part of an order for ten ships for coastal traffic placed here by the Indonesian Government.—Reuter.

# Wheat Hits New Lows In Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 15.

Wheat hit a new seasonal low on the news that Great Britain had withdrawn from the International Wheat Agreement, plus favourable weather and crop news.

Wheat closed ¾ to 1⅛ lower and soybeans were ⅞ higher to ¾ lower.

Prices closed as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel

| | |
|---|---|
| Spot | 2.19 nominal |
| May | 2.20⅛-2.20 |
| July | 2.23-2.22⅞ |
| September | 2.20⅛-⅜ |
| December | 2.31⅛-2.30 |
| **Corn** | |
| Spot | 1.00⅞ |
| May | 1.57⅛-1.58 |
| July | 1.60¼-⅞ |
| September | 1.59⅞ |
| December | 1.56¼-⅜ |
| **Rye** | |
| May | 1.65⅛ |
| July | 1.68¼-1.69 |
| **Oats** | |
| May | 74⅛-⅜ |
| July | 73-72⅞ |

New York flour—per 200 lb. sack $13.10 nominal.—United Press.

## Seeds And Oils

New York, Apr. 15.

Prices in the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Peanut oil, per lb. f.o.b. New York 22 cents.

Flax seed, per bushel, f.o.b. Minneapolis $3.85. — United Press.

# GROSS PROFITS IN U.K. DOWN SEVEN PER CENT

## Price Influence On The Values Of Stocks

London, Apr. 15.

**The United Kingdom's "gross national product" increased from £12,537m. in 1951 to £13,648m. in 1952, or by nearly 9 per cent., according to the annual estimates of the national income, published as a White Paper.**

The items comprised in this gross total include expenditure for personal consumption, fixed capital formation and income derived from exports and other oversea transactions, and all of these are estimated to have been higher in 1952 than in 1951.

It is emphasised in official quarters, however, that these increases, which are exactly contrary to the movements shown in the Economic Survey for 1953, are more apparent than real.

All the estimates appearing in the White Paper on national income are made at current prices, or money terms, while some of the figures in the Economic Survey had been revalued at constant prices and were therefore in real terms.

The share of the national product taken by wages and salaries increased by £546m. in 1952 or by 7 per cent.—from £7,790m. in 1951 to £8,336m. in 1952.

Between 1950 and 1951 the increase was £800m. or 11½ per cent.

**MAIN FACTOR IN FALL**

The gross trading profits of companies (including provision for depreciation) fell by £170m. or 7 per cent. between 1951 and 1952—the first decline since the end of the war.

The main factor in the fall was the reduction of stock appreciation from £900m. in 1951 to an estimate of nil in 1952.

This means that in 1952, for the first time since the end of the war, company profits included no element for the increase during the year in the value of stocks caused by rising prices.

The incomes of sole traders and partnerships also fell in 1952, partly for the same reason.

Expenditure on personal consumption in 1952 was considerably higher in terms of money than in 1951, but this rise was more than accounted for by higher prices. If price changes are eliminated personal consumption appears to have been about 1 per cent less in 1952 than in the year before.

**REVALUATION**

The Economic Survey's estimate of expenditure on personal consumption showed that it was £8,675m. in 1951 and £8,581m. in 1952, when the figures for both years had been revalued at the market prices of 1948.

According to the latter estimate real expenditure on food, household goods, clothing and other goods and services fell between 1951 and 1952, the most substantial fall being that of household goods.

Expenditure on drink and tobacco—£1,522m. in 1952 and £1,520m. in 1951—and on rent, rates, water charges, fuel and light increased.

The White Paper is entitled Preliminary Estimates of National Income and Expenditure 1948 to 1952.

## Copra Quotation

New York, Apr. 15.

Copra was quoted today at $225 per short ton, c.i.f. the Pacific coast. Dealers said that while the Philippine basis holds steady, the Pacific Coast market is easier.

Coconut oil was quoted 16¼ cents a pound, asked.—United Press.

# HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $564,020.20. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

| SHARES | BUYERS | SELLERS | SALES |
|---|---|---|---|
| **BANKS** | | | |
| HK Bank | 1300 | 1400 | 10 @ 1300 |
| | | | 6 @ 1300 |
| **INSURANCES** | | | |
| Canton | 250 | | |
| Union | 765 | 780 | |
| Underwriters | | 5.40 | |
| HK Fire | | 153 | |
| **SHIPPING** | | | |
| Waterboat | 12.40 | | |
| Asia Nav | 1.35 | | |
| **DOCKS, ETC.** | | | |
| Dock | 18.70 | | 400 @ 18.80 |
| S'hai Dock | 2 | | |
| Wheelock | 7.55 | | 4200 @ 7.55 |
| **LAND, ETC.** | | | |
| HK Hotel | 7.40 | | |
| HK Land (O) | 59½ | 60½ | 25 @ 61 |
| | | | 000 @ 62 |
| | | | 100 @ 61 |
| | | | 2800 @ 60 |
| | | | 500 @ 60.50 |
| | | | 1300 @ 60 |
| S'hai Land | 1.40 | 1.50 | |
| Humphreys | | 15 | 2000 @ 15 |
| **UTILITIES** | | | |
| Tram | 21.60 | 21.90 | 500 @ 21.70 |
| Star Ferry | 102 | | |
| C. Light (O) XD | 9.80 | | 1000 @ 9.80 |
| C. Light (N) XD | 6.30 | | |
| Electric | 23 | | 3000 @ 23.10 |
| Telephone | 17.60 | | 252 @ 17.60 |
| | | | 500 @ 17.60 |
| **INDUSTRIALS** | | | |
| Cement | 14.70 | 15 | 500 @ 14.80 |
| **STORES, ETC.** | | | |
| Dairy | 18½ | 18.70 | |
| Watson | 21½ | 21.70 | 1000 @ 21.70 |
| | | | 300 @ 21.60 |
| L. Crawford | | | 100 @ 27½ |

## USING MORE "NATURAL"

New York, Apr. 15.

More natural rubber is going into American car tyres, now that the price is slightly lower than that of synthetic rubber. Industry sources said 40 per cent of all rubber used by tyre makers in March was the tree-grown variety, compared with 36 per cent a year ago.

The price is now around 21.5 cents a pound, compared with 23 cents for synthetic. And the Government says no price changes are in prospect for synthetic rubber. — Associated Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

| | |
|---|---|
| U.S. dollar (per $1) | 5.911 |
| Sterling note (per £1) | 15.80 |
| Indonesian guilders (per 100) | 18.35 |
| Siam ticals (per 100) | 33.00 |
| Singapore (Straits) | 1.835 |
| FIC piastres (per 100) | 12.25 |


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| "PEI-HO" | Keelung—28 May | 30 May | † |
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Sheaffer's "SNORKEL"

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

# From Caff Society

THE bright young people who inhabit the pintable saloons and street corners around Piccadilly Circus—bright as guttering candle flames they are, except in their own estimation—were well represented by a quartet who filed into the dock at Bow Street the other morning.

First, wearily, came Brian, an 18-year-old with lacklustre eyes and a crew cut, who, with his brown suit worn a shirt of screaming scarlet, buttoned up to the Anne-pointed collar.

He wore no tie (perhaps because he could not find one to match so vivid a riot of colour the shirt provided).

After Brian lurched Trevor, small, birdlike, a boy rather all but swamped by a mackintosh of electric blue; a cockney attempting a bird of paradise not very successfully.

Then followed Ernest, 23, with greased ways hair wearing like the others the kind of slouch-suit which is the uniform masculine wear among what might be called "caff society."

KITTY THE JUNO

WITH the trio Kitty, auburn-haired Juno-esque, aged 25.

The youths pleaded guilty to a variety of charges of theft and receiving property stolen more than £300 from a hotel near the Circus.

Kitty pleaded not guilty to receiving a gold watch, and the charge against her was not proceeded with. She broke out to leave the dock looking well pleased with the [illegible] gave for her, Mr. Lawrence Dunne, the chief magistrate, said to her:

"That doesn't mean you are given a clean bill of health. If at any time [illegible] arises up, the prosecution may again bring you to trial."

Kitty left looking less well pleased.

SLEEPING HOST

A POLICE officer [illegible] the witness-box to tell Sir Laurence the story of the offences.

The [illegible] had been in association with a man in the hotel at he had taken them to [illegible] flat. There, forgetting [illegible] his role of host, he fell asleep.

Seeing him [illegible], the three youths proceeded to strip the guest's room of most of its movables—two suitcases full of goods worth £200, a watch worth £80, a fur coat, and other things.

"As it happens, sir," said the officer, "most of these had been stolen in another part of London a year ago by a man who has not been caught. These youths stole from a thief, who has now disappeared again."

A THIEF'S RIGHTS

"I SUPPOSE you can steal something a thief has stolen," said Sir Laurence, and he reached for a Lies book and talked with his clerk, then said: "There is that curious anomaly known as a thief's title to property . . . yes, there's a fresh intent here, that's all right. Tell me about these three."

Their careers were fairly typical of the circle among whom they moved. Brian with two findings of guilt against him as a juvenile, was on licence from Borstal for an adult crime—stealing a wallet from a friend's jacket.

Trevor had no previous convictions, but for the last four years had drifted from job to job in the West End, working as a waiter in clubs and hotels.

SENIOR IN CRIME

ERNEST, senior in crime as well as age, with one juvenile and three adult convictions, occasionally worked as a kitchenhand, but on the whole preferred to live upon unemployment benefit and the generosity of friends. He was on probation.

"For people who break probation a sharp lesson is necessary," Sir Lawrence said to him, and sent him to prison for a total of 12 months. Brian was remanded so that the Borstal authorities could be told of his new crime, and Trevor also remanded for a report to be made on his suitability as a candidate for Borstal.

The three, with smiles at each other, departed; and a group of slouch-suits left the public gallery to repeat the martyrs' fate to their executioners.

For one evening the trio would be the talk of the town in that quarter, then they would be forgotten.

# Convoy Of Allied Prisoners On Last Lap

Tokyo, Apr. 16.

**A truck convoy carrying sick and wounded Allied prisoners toward freedom rolled through the bomb-blasted capital of Communist Korea today on the last lap of a jolting 200-mile journey to Kaesong.**

Allied reconnaissance pilots sighted two of the three convoys at 9 a.m. One was rolling southward on the main highway 15 miles south of Pyongyang, the capital, and the other was moving slowly midway between Huichon and Kunuri.

The convoy sighted between Huichon and Kunuri apparently was the one which left Manpojen on the Yalu River yesterday morning. It was not located yesterday when reconnaissance pilots found the convoys from Chonma and from Gyoktong, a camp on the Yalu southwest of Manpojen.

The one sighted south of the Red capital this morning appeared to be the convoy of 20 trucks from Chonma, which left there yesterday morning. It was to have picked up three more vehicles during last night's stop at Yongsong, eight miles north of Pyongyang.

The sick and wounded captives in the Chonma convoy were due in Tuesong at sundown today. The two other convoys were to join in Yongsong and proceed together tomorrow to Kaesong, six miles from Panmunjom, where the exchange starts on Monday.

PILOTS KEEP TRACK

Clear weather over North Korea aided Allied pilots in keeping track of the convoys moving over the bomb-cratered roads.

Peking Radio, propaganda voice of Red China, boasted today that the three convoys were moving along in spite of nearly three years of Allied attacks on the highways. It said Allied bombers made especially heavy attacks against the roads on Monday night, a few hours before the first convoy began to move.

At Kaesong, where the Allied returned prisoners will be housed in the Kaesong Museum, pending exchange, Communist doctors and nurses were said to be busily preparing to receive the prisoners.

The broadcast said the Kaesong Museum was "perhaps the most solid building in this much-bombed city."—United Press.

# CRISIS IN PERSIA LATEST

Teheran, Apr. 16.

The Persian constitutional crisis — brought about by indecision on the week-old demand by Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh that the Shah should reign and not rule — entered a new phase last night.

Twenty-nine members of the National Front, which supports Dr Mossadegh, after a prolonged conference announced their intention to resign en bloc from the Majlis if it did not pass the Prime Minister's demand.

Foreign Minister Fatemi told pressmen that if the Majlis decisively expressed an opinion on the eight-man committee's report, which sought to stop the Shah's interference in Governmental affairs, the Government would carry on.

He was replying to questions at a press conference regarding the Government's attitude if the present crisis went on.

Dr Fatemi added that the present internal troubles were being "exploited by the former oil company to discourage prospective buyers of Iranian oil."

Various pro-Government organisations have announced their intention to hold demonstrations today (Thursday) in support of Dr Mossadegh's demand.

Military authorities, who on Tuesday successfully prevented Communist demonstrations, have given permission for today's demonstrations, Dr Fatemi said.

Bazaars throughout Teheran will be closed today in support of Dr Mossadegh's demand. — Reuter.

# Nehru Draws Criticism

Nairobi, Apr. 15.

The European electors Union Organisation today charged the Indian Prime Minister Mr Pandit Nehru and the Indian Government with interference in Kenya affairs.

The Executive Committee of the Organisation headed by its president, Lord Portsmouth, and chairman, Clive Salter, declared its "grave concern at the mounting evidence of Indian interference in Kenya's affairs."

The resolution passed by the committee drew attention to what it described as "activities within the Colony of Mr Diwan Chamanlal (one of a team of lawyers at the recent Mau Mau trial) and the invitation to Joseph Murumbi, Secretary-General of the Kenya African Union to visit India by the Indian Government where he is now reported to be speaking highly critically of the Kenya Government".

The Committee said it was still dissatisfied with the handling of the Emergency.

It demanded:

Summary justice to simplify criminal procedure, land forfeiture for disloyal tribesmen, and power to declare "war zones" from which the public could be excluded.

The Committee demanded that the first two plans be put into effect by April 30 and the third accepted in principle.

The Committee also complained that African broadcasters employed by the Kenya Government were being recruited by the Indian Government to help in Indian broadcasts to East Africa.—Reuter.

# Has Plan To Smash The Mau Mau

Nairobi, Apr. 15.

Major-General Robert Hinde, Director-General of Operations in Kenya, today outlined a plan to smash the Mau Mau.

He said that he had enough troops to do the job and that he did not think it would be a very long task.

General Hinde made these statements at his first press conference here. He said that the main aims of the military and police would be to prevent the spread of the Mau Mau, to end terrorist attacks and then to stamp out Mau Mau and the ideology behind it.

The government departments would have to review all their activities, he said, so as to make the maximum contribution to the early ending of the emergency without penalising the loyal tribes, he said.

General Hinde plans to deploy troops in support of the police and build up highly mobile forces to hunt down and destroy Mau Mau gangs. — France-Presse.

SILLITOE RETURNS

London, Apr. 15.

Sir Percy Sillitoe, Head of British Counter - Espionage Service, returned here today after an 11-day visit to Kenya.

He said that he had studied the anti-terrorist organisation and was satisfied with the way in which the police were functioning there.—France-Presse.

# Bomb Dropped On Friendly Troops

Seoul, Apr. 15.

An Allied warplane accidentally dropped a bomb on the 10th Corps sector of the eastern front today, causing three casualties, the 8th Army announced.

Reports from the sector said that one South Korean was killed and two were injured.—United Press.

## Easter Ceremony In London

Bishop Craven blesses the Wine, during the ceremony of Blessing the Holy Fire at Westminster Cathedral, London, during the Easter ceremonies.—London Express.

# French Force Breaks Away From Rebels In Indo-China

Hanoi, Apr. 15.

**The French force retreating from the town of Sam Neua, in the Indo-China state of Laos, has broken away from harassing Vietminh rebels and is now making unhampered progress southwest towards a security area, the French High Command announced tonight.**

Sam Neua, a small garrison town 130 miles west of here, was abandoned two days ago in the face of strong pressure by Communist-led Vietminh rebels making the first all out attack on Laos.

The High Command said the retreating force had reported it had no food or supply problems, and was making "unexpectedly satisfactory progress".

The High Command also said the Vietminh gained nothing in supplies when they captured Sam Neua, a spokesman said:

"We were economical in the amount of supplies we put in there, and there was almost nothing left when we withdrew".

Tonight's communique gave no information on the other two Vietminh columns advancing into Laos.

Last reports placed the position of one of these columns about 20 miles inside Laos and the other a few miles across the border.

French bombers yesterday attacked the invading forces.

Officers here believe there is likely to be a lull in the campaign in Laos during the next few days. All three Vietminh columns in the State are at present crossing rugged mountain country which they must pass through before they have contact with the French Union forces.

The officers feel that a showdown in Laos, in the form of heavy fighting, might not come for a week or more.—Reuter.

# Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.02, It's Swingtime with Benny Carter and his Orch. and Charlie Barnet & His Orch.; 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7, Music of the People—The BBC Midland Light Orch. cond. by Gilbert Vinter (BBCTS); 7.30, "Down Memory Lane" presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 8.15, "Gypsy Nights" Jascha Daniko and his Orchestra; 8.30, Variety Fanfare —From the North of England (BBCTS); 9, Sports Review by Brig. Young (Studio); 9.15, At the Opera—"Die Meistersinger Von Nurnberg" Act 3 (Scenes 4 & 5) (Wagner) with Principals, Chorus of the Vienna State Opera and the Vienna Philharmonic Orch. cond. by Hans Knappertsbusch; 10.20, Music of the Twentieth Century; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close down.

The maintenance aircraft-carrier HMS Unicorn came into port this morning from northern waters en route to Singapore.

# *Famed Negro Singer For Hongkong*

**New York, Apr. 15.**

**The American Negro contralto, Miss Marian Anderson, left by plane today for San Francisco en route to the Far East for a five-week concert tour, during which she will sing before United Nations troops in Korea, and later in Hongkong.**

**Miss Anderson will give concerts in Honolulu on April 18 and 21 and in Tokyo on April 29.**

**Later she will sing in Osaka, Hiroshima and Nagoya. From Japan she will go to Korea, then to Hongkong. She said she also might appear in Singapore and expected to return to the United States early in June.—United Press.**

# Corruption Charge

**A European Police Sub-Inspector, Terence Frank Elliott, 27, of Bromley, Kent, appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning charged with corruption. He was allowed bail of $5,000 and remanded two days.**

The defendant was alleged to have received a sum of $50 on April 14 at the Tung Lok Restaurant, 354 Queen's Road Central, as a reward for not prosecuting Yuen Cho-hing, the assistant manager of the restaurant, in respect of a gambling offence.

Mr D. H. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Police, in charge of the case, told the Magistrate that he intended to make an application for the case to be transferred to the District Court.

# Alleged Conspiracy: Photographic Expert's Testimony

A Police photographic expert who is leaving shortly on transfer to the Gold Coast was called to give evidence against three private detectives charged with conspiracy to defeat the cause of justice before Judge A. D. Scholes at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Cotton Dispute

## DEFENDANT CONCLUDES EVIDENCE

**Hearing of a claim and counter-claim for alleged breach of contract relating to Indian raw cotton continued before the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.**

The second defendant, Pirosha Kavasji Pavri, who testified yesterday to his contracts with the plaintiff, Keki Edulji Mogra, concluded his evidence this morning. Hearing was then adjourned until 2 p.m. today when the Senior Counsel for the plaintiff is expected to cross-examine Pavri.

Keki Edulji Mogra, merchant, trading as the Eastern Overseas Company and the Sun Hing Trading Company, formerly of Union Building is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr D. L. Wright, both instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

K. S. Pavri and Sons and Pirosha Kavasji Pavri, proprietor, of No. 32, Wyndham Street, are the defendants. Appearing for them is Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond.

PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS

Plaintiff's statement inter alia claims that by reason of defendants' failure to deliver 700 bales Jarila quality Indian raw cotton and 500 bales 4F new quality Indian raw cotton, or any part thereof, plaintiff suffered a loss of $179,928, being the difference between the contract and market prices. He further claims return of a deposit of $25,000 allegedly made to defendants in respect of the latter contract.

Four contracts, listed by plaintiff, were entered into between him and defendants. They are (1) contract for 500 bales 4F new quality Indian raw cotton at $1 per lb, dated May 14, 1946; (2) contract for 100 bales at $1.08 per lb; (3) contract for 1,000 bales at $1.10 per lb; and (4) contract for 200 bales at $1.08 per lb. The last three contracts are all dated May 21, 1946, and are for Jarila quality 1945/46 new season Indian raw cotton.

Defendants deny plaintiff's claims in toto, and counter-claim damages amounting to $80,825.97, caused through plaintiff's alleged failure to complete two contracts respectively for 1,000 and 200 bales Jarila quality, thereby necessitating defendants to sell the goods at heavy loss; and two sums of $10,000 and $30,030.54. (These two latter sums have since been admitted by the plaintiff).

PRICE DROPS

Pavri told the Court this morning that Mogra came to see him with Vasunia regarding cancellation of the 60 bales of cotton. Mogra said the price had dropped and his buyer no longer wished to take delivery.

By virtue of the provision in one of the four contracts, Pavri said that his obligation was to give Mogra 300 bales ex the ss Taiposhan.

As regards the ss Hongkeng shipment, there were 600 bales under the contract. He had said yesterday in evidence that he had told Mogra he could have as much as he wanted ex the Hongkeng because the contract called for more than 400 bales.

Pavri in conclusion produced a file which he said contained all of his contracts for the sale of raw cotton during the year 1946, apart from the contracts in dispute.

Mr Bernacchi then announced that closed Pavri's evidence-in-chief.

He was Inspector T. W. Wheeler of the Identification Bureau, Police Headquarters. He gave evidence against Lam Yung-hon, 34, proprietor of the Y. H. Lam Detective Agency, residing at 32 Village Road, first floor; Lam Yung-kit, 39, of 19 Shing On Street, ground floor; and Lam Yung-tai, 32, of 22 Yik Yum Street, third floor.

The accused were alleged to have arranged for the fabrication of false evidence given in a divorce action between December 28, 1951, and July 12, 1952, in which the petitioner was Wong Kam-chiu and the respondent Lee Sau-ying, alias Lee Man-wah.

Inspector Wheeler testified that he took certain photographs of a room in the Shan Kwong Hotel, Happy Valley, from different angles and made out reports from photographs.

TAKEN INSIDE

Shown a photograph of the room in question, in which a bed with a man and a woman on it could be seen, witness said that in his opinion it was impossible for this photograph to have been taken through the grill at a window facing the verandah.

In his opinion, he went on, the photograph had been taken from a spot inside the room itself.

Inspector Wheeler said he reached his conclusions after a careful examination and comparison between the picture and the photographs he had himself taken. He went on to point out to the Court the various dissimilarities between the picture shown to him and a photograph he himself had taken through the grill leading to the verandah of the room, with regard to the angles.

Hearing was then adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on May 11.

# Woman Robbed Of Handbag

A European woman had her handbag snatched from her by a Chinese while standing on the corner of On Lan Street and Wyndham Street, opposite the South China Morning Post building shortly after noon today.

The snatcher ran in the direction of Zetland Street and into Lower Albert Road, chased by the victim.

# Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16
By Air

Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m., C.P.A.

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m., C.P.A./B.O.A.C.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
By Air

Siam, Burma, India, 10 a.m., T.A.C.

Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 11.30 p.m., C.P.A.L.

Formosa, 1 p.m., via C.A.T.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 1.30 p.m., Air France.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.

Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., (Seattle & Western States) Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m., Q.E.A.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 9 a.m., via P.A.L.

Siam, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 1 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m., P.A.A.

Siam, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Formosa, 6 p.m., C.A.T.

By Surface

Macao, 1.30 p.m., 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., 5 p.m., train via Canton.

Malaya, Burma, 1 p.m., ss Hai Lee.

Formosa, 1 p.m., ss Wing Sang.

France, 2 p.m., ss Felix Roussel.

Indo-China, 2 p.m., ss Angelina.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
By Air

Japan, 6 p.m., via B.O.A.C.

# Successful Play Discussed

A discussion of the performance of "A Family Man" was held by the Chinese Dramatic Group of the Sino-British Club at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Introduced by Prof. Ma Kim, chairman of the Group, Prof Victor Hugh, who translated the Galsworthy play into Chinese, gave a report to the gathering.

The play which received favourable comments from both the English and vernacular Press, was also a box-office success. Ticket sales for the coming performances at the Grantham Training College on April 17, 18 showed a favourable trend.

Prof Hugh thanked all those who had contributed in making the play a success.

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